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RAY THERAPY TREATMENT CARRIED OUT.

A WONDERFUL TONIC.

London, Dec. 16. Ray therapy treatment was carried out on the King to-night, and at 8 p.m., the following bulletin signed by three doctors was issued at Buckingham Palace: "The King has had a most day. The improvement noted in the morning bulletin has been maintained."

The morning bulletin stated that although His Majesty had had a restless night, his general condition had slightly improved.

Dr. Robert Stanton Woods, and Dr. Frank Howitt, have been called in with reference to the new treatment proposed for His Majesty, in which they are among the foremost experts. Dr. Woods is in charge of the Department of Physical Medicine and Electrology at London Hospital, and Dr. Howitt is the Chief Clinical Assistant in the Active Therapy Department of Guy's Hospital.

Ray Therapy.

Ray therapy is being employed as a new method of attack upon the effects of the general infection from which the King is suffering. It acts as a general tonic, increases the bacterial resistance of the blood, and besides neutralising the infection would tend to promote healthy healing of the wound after the operation.

The decision to use ray therapy was finally made yesterday afternoon, although it is understood to have been considered previously. Sir Stanley Howett and Lord Dawson were joined in consultation at the Palace by Drs. Woods and Howitt, who later returned with their apparatus, the Palace electrician, in the meantime, having prepared the necessary installation.

No Unexpected Development.

It is made clear that the adoption of this treatment does not indicate any unexpected development in the King's condition, and is supplementary to the normal treatment. How His Majesty would probably undergo the ultra-violet ray treatment is described by a London doctor in an interview with Reuter. He said he presumed that the mercury vapour method would be employed.

The apparatus would be placed on a stand at the King's bedside, connected with the ordinary lighting circuit.

His Majesty, while his chest or back was bared to the light, would wear dark glasses, as also would the doctors in attendance.

The Dosage.

The treatment would start with the smallest possible doses, and the doctor ventured the suggestion that to-night His Majesty would possibly only receive one application of half a minute, while he will be given an application of one minute to-morrow, eventually being given two exposures daily.

Any over-exposure would be most harmful, in the same way as sun-burning. The doctors also stated the treatment usually soothes a patient, and acts as a wonderful tonic.

Dr. Wood and Dr. Howitt attended the Palace this evening, and with Sir Hugh Riggby, Lord Dawson and Sir Stanley Howett present, carried out the ray therapy treatment.

The latest bulletin is taken to indicate a slight advance in the right direction.—Reuter.

Labour Party Tribute.

London, Dec. 15. A noteworthy tribute to the King was paid in a speech last night by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the Labour Party. He said:

"I should like to say how very moved we have all been at the illness of the King. This sympathy is not a question of sympathy at all. That does not come in. Those of us who have had the great pleasure of knowing the King personally, and of knowing how sincerely devoted he is to doing his duty with absolute constitutional impartiality, feel at a moment like this, when he is walk-

O'NEILL MYSTERY UNSOLVED.

SUDDEN DISAPPEARANCE FROM SHANGHAI.

A FRUITLESS QUEST.

The mysterious disappearance of Mr. Eugene O'Neill, the well-known American playwright, is still unsolved and continues to excite interest. Wild rumours are in circulation concerning his whereabouts, the latest information being that Mr. O'Neill left Shanghai on board the German s.s. Coblenz, for Hamburg via Hongkong.

The Coblenz arrived in Hongkong on Saturday and left the same day, but close inquiries lead us to suppose that Mr. O'Neill was not a passenger.

Mr. O'Neill arrived in Shanghai on November 22nd, suffering from nervous breakdown, supposed to have been due to a stroke contracted in Singapore. He went into hospital and on his discharge was treated by Dr. Jenner, the Australian specialist in nervous diseases.

Also, it seems, he wandered from hotel to hotel, the last at which he stayed being the Astor. Attempts to get into communication with him proved fruitless, and then it was suddenly discovered that he was no longer in Shanghai.

A curious factor giving rise to the mystery now developed is that he did not register in the Astor Hotel under his own name. Efforts to trace him since his disappearance in Shanghai have led to nothing.

THE SINO-FRENCH ISSUES.

CONSUL TO CONCLUDE THE AGREEMENT.

Shanghai, Dec. 17. A Peking report states that the French Minister recently wired to the French Legation in Peking reporting that he will leave Shanghai on his return trip on the 20th inst. He also stated that the conclusion of the Sino-French Treaty would be placed in the hands of the French Consul General at Shanghai.

Regarding the Sino-Annam Commercial Treaty, the French Minister states that the Governor of Annam has appointed four experts on aviation, shipping, commerce and railways respectively to come to Shanghai as advisers.—Nam Chung Pao.

CHINA'S IMPORT TARIFF.

TO BE ENFORCED FROM FEBRUARY.

Shanghai, Dec. 17. A notice signed by the Chinese Superintendent and the Deputy Inspector-General of Customs announces that the new Import Tariff promulgated by the National Government will be enforced as from February 1st next.—Reuter.

NISHIHARA LOANS.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE EXPRESS OPINION.

Shanghai, Dec. 16. The Associated Provincial Chambers of Commerce have addressed a telegram to the National Government urging the Foreign Ministry to refuse recognition of the Nishihara Loans.

ing through very deep shadows, how extraordinarily well he has done his work as a constitutional monarch, how absolutely impartially he has always done that work, and how in doing it he has knitted us to him, not as an official, but as the great dignified form of the Head of the State, but as one who belongs to his nation and has tried all his life in all his actions to carry out his national responsibilities and advance the national interests. There is not a member of the old Labour Cabinet who would not join with me in the prayer that each bulletin will show him advancing towards complete health and strength."

EXCITING TIMES IN PEKING.

ANTI-JAPANESE MASS MEETING.

REPORTED RESIGNATION OF DR. C. T. WANG.

ANNOYED OVER RIOT.

Peking, Dec. 16. Following the recent riot in Nanking, instigated by anti-Japanese agitators, there was much excitement here yesterday morning, when a huge crowd held a mass meeting, which put forward twelve demands in connection with Japanese questions, all of which were wired to the National Government.

Happily, no serious incident occurred, although a Japanese resident who was in the crowd was so threatened by the rowdy element that the police had difficulty in escorting him back to his residence. A large crowd followed him, shouting insulting remarks.

The meeting denounced the Nishihara Loan and demanded the arrest of Tuan Chi-jui (who was accused of being primarily responsible for the signing of the Loan Agreement), as well as the dismissal of Dr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister, and Mr. T. V. Soong, the Finance Minister.

Following the meeting, there was a big parade, but the police were out in force to prevent any incidents.

Resignation of Dr. Wang?

Nanking, Dec. 16. According to Chinese reports, Dr. C. T. Wang, following the mob attack on his residence on Thursday last, returned to Nanking yesterday morning, and, after an interview with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, tendered his resignation.

Dr. Wang stated that he was very much annoyed and discouraged by the attack on his residence.

Marshal Chiang, however, assured him that the National Government would assume full responsibility for all his actions, as he (Dr. Wang) was the representative of the Government.

Other Assurances.

If the public continued to find fault with the policy of the Foreign Ministry, it should send representations to the National Government and not indulge in attacks on the Foreign Minister.

Marshal Chiang assured Dr. Wang that such a regrettable incident would never occur again, the Government having issued orders strictly forbidding rowdiness in the future.

Later, Mr. Wu Han-min, the Chairman of the Legislative Council, visited the office of Marshal Chiang and backed up the Marshal's assurances.

Government Edict.

In connexion with the attack on Dr. Wang's residence, the National Government on Friday issued an edict strictly forbidding street parades in Nanking in future.

The edict states that in the past the Government has permitted parades to be conducted for patriotic purposes, but the interference with the private property of the Foreign Minister on Thursday and the injuring of 26 police officers during the riot was an incident which the Government could not overlook.

Such riots lower the prestige of the National Government and henceforth the Government will not permit any street parade unless permission is first obtained from the police.

WUHAN AVIATION SCHEME.

PLANS FOR SEVERAL STATIONS.

Shanghai, Dec. 17. It is reported that the Wuhan Commercial Aviation Co. has decided to establish two stations, one at Wuchang and the other at the Hankow racecourse.

It is also understood that substations will be established along the river, including Changsha and Hangchow.—Nam Chung Pao.

HAMMOND'S FINE DISPLAY.

MAKING BIG SCORE IN SECOND TEST.

JARDINE RUN OUT FOR 28 AFTER 94 MINUTES.

ENGLAND 55 BEHIND.

With seven wickets still to fall, England are only 55 runs in arrears in the Second Test match at Sydney.

Play was resumed in brilliantly hot weather this morning, the wicket being extremely hard. Over 25,000 spectators were present when Hammond and Jardine went out to the crease.

The pair had added 25 runs to Saturday's total of 113, when Jardine's wicket was brilliantly thrown down by Blackie. Jardine had scored 28 runs by restrained cricket, playing on the defensive throughout. He was 94 minutes in gathering his runs, and the slowness of his scoring is shown by the fact that he scored only five of the runs added before his wicket fell.

Hammond at this stage had contributed 53 runs. His display had been marked by watchfulness against good length balls, driving the loose ones powerfully. The fielding was very smart.

Joined by Hendren, runs came a little faster, the newcomer outpacing Hammond. Soon after coming in, Hendren twice sent Blackie to the boundary, driving one to the on, and hooking the other.

Hammond seemed well set for his century when the lunch interval arrived.

It is learned that Leyland, England's twelfth man is in bed with a slight attack of influenza and sore throat, not regarded as serious. Ames now become twelfth man.

The scores at the lunch interval stood as follows:

Australia	253
England, 1st Innings	
Hobbs, c Oldfield, b Grimmett	40
Sutcliffe, c Hendry, b Ironmonger	11
Hammond not out	86
D. R. Jardine, run out	28
Hendren not out	6
Extras	6
Total (for 3 wickets)	108

Falls of wickets:—1/37, 2/65, 3/148.—Reuter.

RECENT WILLS.

LATE MR. CHAN TONG LEAVES \$283,700.

A number of local estates have recently been dealt with at the Supreme Court among which are the following:

Chan Tong, alias Chan Tsze-U (or Yui), who, it will be remembered, collapsed and died from heart failure while taking an early morning ride on horse back at Happy Valley on May 31, this year, left Hongkong estate to the value of \$283,700. Probate has been granted to his widow, Chan Tong-shi, No. 18b, Macdonnell Road, and his brother, Chan Pun-jow, No. 16, Nanking Street, Yaumatei. All the bequests are of a family nature, property in Hongkong, Kowloon and Shanghai being bequeathed to the widow and three children.

Hongkong estate worth \$130,000 was left by Mr. Brooks David, late of "Bexhill," No. 8, Oxley Rise, Singapore, who died at Singapore on April 24, 1928. Rescinding of probate has been granted to Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, who is the attorney of Mr. A. Brooks David, a son, residing at Singapore.

In regard to the estate of Mrs. Letitia Florentina Vieira Ribeiro, widow, late of No. 1, Carnarvon Villas, Kowloon, who left \$3,100, probate has been granted to Mr. Francisco Xavier Vieira Ribeiro (son) and Mr. Jose Maria D'Almeida (son-in-law), both living at Carnarvon Buildings.

SIR AUSTEN WELL SATISFIED.

THE WEEK'S LABOURS AT LUGANO.

"BIG THREE" AGREE ON SERIES OF PLATITUDES.

PERSONAL MEETINGS.

London, Dec. 16. Sir Austen Chamberlain, who returned from Lugano to-day, expressed himself as "very well satisfied with the week's work" in the course of an interview with Reuter's representative.

A joint statement was issued by Sir Austen, M. Briand and Dr. Stresemann yesterday, as follows:

"The session of the Council of the League of Nations have enabled us to resume personal meetings which have been interrupted for some time and to proceed to a very useful exchange of views."

"These conversations have had the effect of confirming our view that the policy of conciliation and approach followed by our respective Governments is best suited to assure peace. We remain faithfully attached to that policy."

Mutual Difficulties.

"In this spirit we will continue the negotiations begun in virtue of an agreement arrived at in Geneva on Sept. 10th, last, by the six interested Powers. We are determined to do ever, thing in our power to arrive as soon as possible at a final settlement of the mutual difficulties arising out of the War, and thus assure upon a basis of mutual confidence, the happy development of relations between our respective countries."

The joint statement has been well received in Britain, but the German Nationalist Press characterises it as "extremely poor" and holds that it is proved that the fundamental questions still exist as an unbridgeable gulf between the French and the German points of view.

Silesia Germans.

Lugano, Dec. 15.

An angry outburst from Dr. Stresemann, unprecedented in the sedate meetings of the League Council, marked the morning session of the Council while it was dealing with protection of the minorities in Upper Silesia.

The Council had disposed of a report by Mr. Adachi (Japan) on the subject, including a petition from the "Deutsche Volksbund" complaining of the Polish authorities' treatment of German school children. The Polish Foreign Minister, M. Zaleski, unexpectedly asked leave to speak. He violently attacked the Germans of Upper Silesia and described the "Volksbund" as an organisation of spies.

Personal Abuse.

Dr. Stresemann, shouting at the top of his voice, thumping the table and personally abusing M. Zaleski, demanded that protection for the minorities should be discussed at the next session of the Council.

M. Briand, in closing the public session of the Council, referring to the Stresemann-Zaleski incident which he described as "outside the League's Agenda," calmed the nerves of the protagonists. He declared that the League had no intention of abandoning the interests of the minorities.

Dr. Stresemann was satisfied, but solemnly declared that if the League did not protect the minorities it would lose one of its most important pillars.—Reuter.

French Claim Repudiated.

Berlin, Dec. 16.

The Reichstag, after discussion of the report of the committee on the occupied territory, passed a resolution repudiating the French demand for establishment of a commission for the demilitarised zone after 1935, as an attack on the sovereignty of the Reich.—Reuter.

WAR IN THE SUGAR INDUSTRY.

GERMAN EXPLAINS REASON FOR NEW DUTY.

BRITAIN TO BLAME?

London, Dec. 16. A sidelight on the sudden and unexpected increase in the German sugar duties was thrown by Herr Bellowsky, the Director of one of the largest sugar beet concerns in Germany, in the course of an interview in London.

Herr Bellowsky blames Britain entirely for the recent upsets in the sugar industries. He considers that the British sugar policy is the main cause of the present chaotic state of the industry throughout the world.

Questioned regarding his reason for so saying, Herr Bellowsky declared that the increased duty on refined sugar imposed by Britain had vitally hit Czechoslovakia, whose exporters have been attempting to dump great quantities of sugar in Germany.

Germany has just authorised an increase in sugar duty to 25 marks per two cwt, which will be annulled when the price on the Magdeburg Bourse exceeds 21 marks per cwt.

The duty becomes operative on Tuesday, and the object of the Government is to make foreign producers more amenable to negotiations under the Sugar Convention.—Reuter.

"SPIRIT OF CANTON."

LEAVING SHANGHAI FOR THE SOUTH.

Shanghai, Dec. 16. It is understood that the Canton Ryan, monoplane, piloted by General Cheung Wei-cheung, will leave here to-morrow for Canton carrying a quantity of postal packets and newspapers.

Shanghai, Dec. 17.

The monoplane "Spirit of Canton" left for Canton at 8.30 a.m.—Reuter.

The Canton plane "Pearl River" arrived at Nanking from the lower river yesterday afternoon. A warm welcome was awarded to Colonel Chan Hing-yun, the Canton airman, by a big crowd, including many Government officials. Immediately after landing, Colonel Chan went ashore by Government launch.—Nam Chung Pao.

LATEST NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

PROGRAMME OF COUNTY CRUISERS.

H.M.S. Berwick is to leave Hongkong on January 10 for Shanghai, calling at Pagoda Anchorage and Santu Inlet en route.

H.M.S. Suffolk will come down to Hongkong upon the arrival in Shanghai of the Berwick.

H.M.S. Cornwall, another of the County cruisers, will leave Shanghai on January 7 for Hongkong, calling at Amoy on the way down the coast.

H.M.S. Scraph and H.M.S. Somme arrived at Shanghai from Hongkong on Sunday.

Yesterday the transport Neuraia left Singapore for Hongkong, having on board the 2nd Battalion of the South Staffordshire Regiment, bound for Shanghai from Southampton.

OPIMUM SUPPRESSION.

TURKISH GOVERNMENT BILL.

Angora, Dec. 19. The Turkish Parliament has adopted a Government Bill, restricting the sale of opium and other narcotic drugs.—Reuter.

SZECHUAN "WAR."

YANG SEN AGAIN IN THE FIELD.

Shanghai, Dec. 16. News has been received to the effect that fighting has broken out at Chang Shao, near Chungking, between the troops of General Yang Sen and General Liu Hsiang.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN S. AMERICA.

BOLIVIANS REPULSE AN ATTACK.

PARAGUAY REPORTED TO BE MOBILISING FOR WAR.

M. BRIAND'S WARNINGS

London, Dec. 16. While there has been no formal declaration of war, heavy fighting between Bolivian and Paraguayan troops is reported to have taken place during the week-end, and it is feared that there is little hope of preventing the outbreak of hostilities on a large scale.

Some reason for the increased alarm in outside circles is to be found in the allegation that Paraguay, hitherto the calmer of the two countries, opened the offensive by attacking the Bolivian forts at El Chaco.

The Bolivians repulsed the attack, and from the meagre reports to hand, appear to have pursued the "war" into the "enemy" country, capturing the Paraguayan forts Boqueron and Rojaselva after a bloody encounter.

Paraguay Mobilising.

The latest news comes from Buenos Aires, where it is stated that a message from Asuncion, the capital of Paraguay, reports that the Government has issued a Proclamation ordering the mobilisation of all males between the ages of 18 and 28 throughout Paraguay.

Great enthusiasm for the war prevails in Paraguay, and it is stated that many battalions of volunteers are now organising and training with feverish energy.

It is alleged that a number of ex-officers of the Chilean Army have offered their services to the Government of Paraguay.

Bolivian Activities.

Meanwhile, little news concerning the measures being taken in Bolivia is to hand. The Minister of War at La Paz, the capital, has announced that a sanguinary clash occurred on the border, the Paraguayans opening the attack, but retiring with heavy losses.

An official Bolivian communique states:

"The Paraguayan detachments threatened our forts in Chaco. Our forces punished the opponents and occupied Fort Boqueron. The army has done its duty."

A large quantity of war material, including aeroplanes, has passed through Santo Fe for Bolivia.—Reuter.

League Anxious.

Lugano, Dec. 16.

Regarding the serious dispute between Paraguay and Bolivia, the League Council has agreed on the text of a Note to these two countries and decided to send a copy of the correspondence to all States members of the League, and to non-member States on the American Continent.

M. Briand, as acting President, was invited to keep in touch with the situation and, if necessary, to summon an extraordinary meeting of the Council.

The Council's note underlines Bolivia's declaration that she will not depart from her obligations under the League Covenant, and Paraguay's assurance faithfully to fulfil her obligations and accept any procedure for the settlement of the dispute.

Self-Defence.

Attention is also drawn to the fact that the States cannot, without breaking their engagements, fail to have recourse to one or other of the procedures provided in the Covenant, whose terms are cited with special reference to Articles 12 and 13.

The two Governments are also warned of the importance of carefully limiting the measures of self-defence in such a manner that they could not be interpreted as aggressive.

Later, M. Briand has addressed a message to the disputing Governments repeating his previous admonitions and urgently requesting that the situation (Continued on Page 14.)

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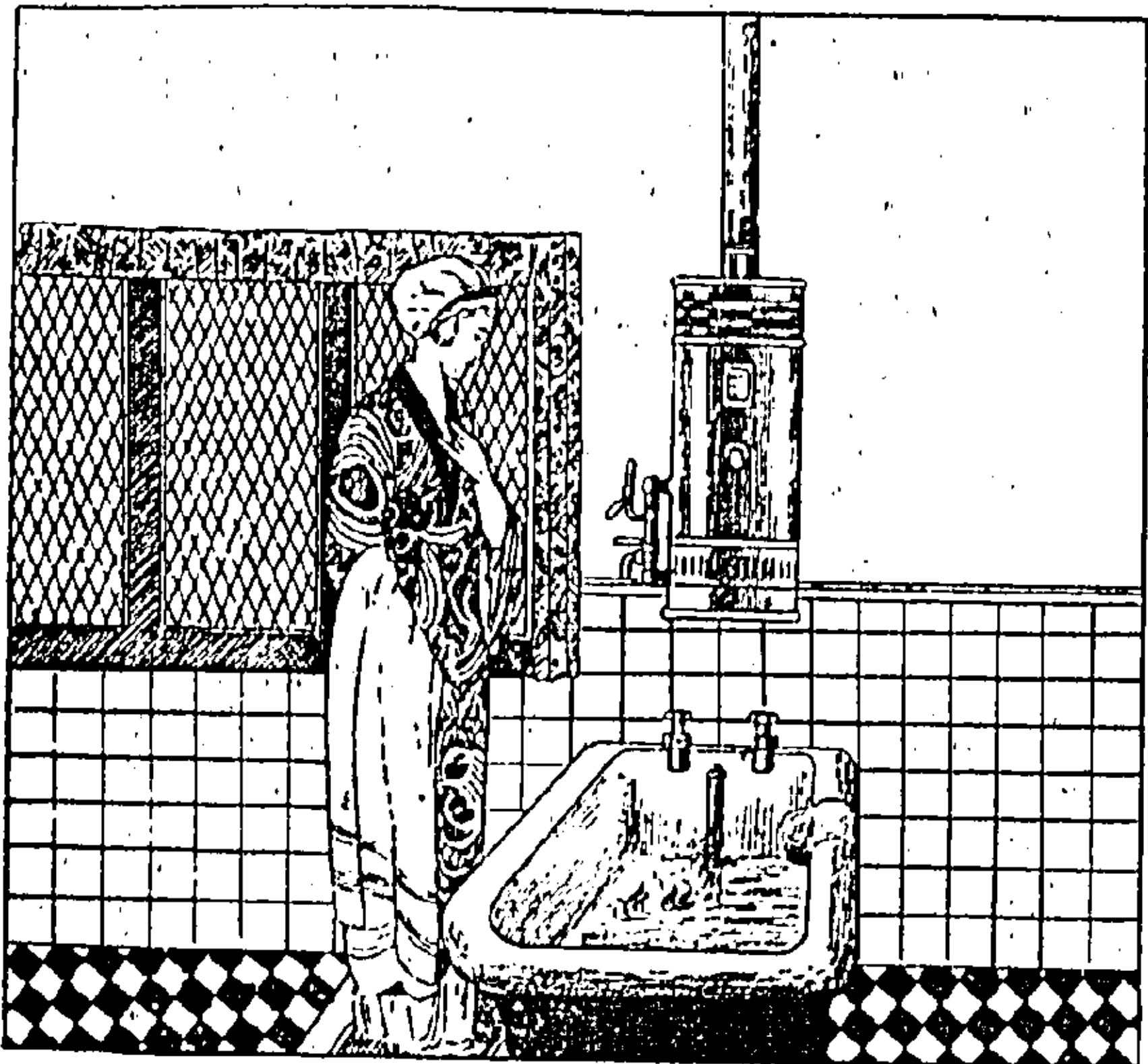


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BASE INGRATITUDE.

POLICE RESERVIST ROBBED BY A FRIEND.

A story of base ingratitude on the part of a young Chinese, who was charged with stealing \$2,250 from a friend who housed and fed him while he was out of work, was told to Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy on Saturday morning.

For the police, Sub-Inspector Shaftain said that Mok Fung-ye, a Police Reservist, was recently approached by a man who applied for his assistance. Because the man was his fellow-villager, Mok took him into his home at Causeway Bay, fed him and gave him pocket-money whenever he needed it.

Early on Monday morning, Mok, after a spell of night-duty as Police Reservist, was taking a short nap before starting out for his office. He left his jacket hanging on the wall and there was in one pocket a wad of notes, amounting to \$2,250, which Mok had only the previous evening received in settlement of a long-standing debt.

When he woke up, the money had vanished, as had also the man whom he had befriended. Mok reported his loss to the Police and a watch was immediately set at all points of egress from the Colony.

It was a "shot in the dark" which took the police to the railway station at Shumchun. They had correctly conjectured that the missing man would take the slow morning train, and, alighting at Shumchun, would wait to change over to the express later that morning.

Police officers who travelled down with the express succeeded in locating their man at Shumchun as expected, and followed him all the way to Canton. On arrival the quarry was seized and turned over to the Chinese authorities.

It was mentioned that of the stolen money only \$2,050 was recovered.

Inspector Shaftain, on behalf of the complainant, applied to the Court for leniency for the defendant. This was refused by his Worship, who inflicted a sentence of six months' hard labour, while commenting that the defendant had been guilty of a disgraceful act towards a man who had befriended him in his hour of need.

OBITUARY.

POPULAR CHEF OF THE EMPRESS OF RUSSIA.

We regret to announce the death on Saturday night, at 9 p.m., at the Kowloon Hospital, of Mr. George Hall, late chef of the Empress of Russia.

Mr. Hall was admitted to the hospital on Monday last suffering from double pneumonia. He was 55 years of age and had been a chef in the Pacific Service of the Empress' bouts for the past ten years.

Mr. Hall was a very popular man among the thousands of passengers who had the advantage of his expert services, and also made many permanent friends ashore, especially in Hongkong. He leaves a widow and family in Vancouver.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, passing the monument at 3 o'clock. The Rev. G. T. Waldegrave officiated at the graveside. Among those attending were Captain A. J. Hosken, R.N.R., and members of the ship's officers and crew, Captain A. W. Davison, Mr. T. C. Monaghan, Mr. R. H. Short, Mr. J. S. Landolt, Mr. J. McKenzie and many others.

Among the large number of wreaths sent were those from Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R., Catering Department Empress of Russia, A. Crowson, Chief Steward, Deck Officers Empress of Russia, Engineer Officers Empress of Russia, Canadian Pacific Railway staff, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Monaghan, Capt. A. W. Davison, Mr. & Mrs. R. H. Short, Steerage Department Empress of Russia, H. Auchincloss, No. 1, Saloon Boy, No. 1 Second Class Boy, C. Hall, W. S. Guff, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Beattie, J. Beattie, R. J. Everest and Wing Kee and Co.

NAVAL YARD SEND-OFF

PRESENTATION TO TWO DEPARTING MEMBERS.

On the occasion of their departure on being appointed to Home positions, Mr. "Al" Reeves and Mr. T. L. Murdoch, draughtsmen of the Superintending Electrical Engineer's department at the Naval Yard, received farewell gifts from their fellow members of the Royal Naval Dockyard Recreation Club at a pleasing ceremony on Friday night.

Mr. Reeves had served seven years and Mr. Murdoch four years at the local naval establishment, and in a speech which accompanied the presentation, Mr. Parker, the Assistant Superintending Electrical Engineer, paid a tribute to Mr. Reeves' prowess in winning the "Navy" swimming Cup presented by a former chief of his department, and to Mr. Murdoch's valuable service in the library section of the Recreation Club.

Mr. Reeves and Mr. Murdoch expressed their thanks and appreciation of the gifts, and wished the Club every success in its future activities.

A short musical programme followed. Mr. Mackenzie (N.A.S.O. of the Naval Yard) was in the chair, being supported by Mr. Parker and Mr. Flegg (Principal Clerk of the Electrical Department).

SOLAR CALENDAR.

ENCOURAGING ITS OBSER- VANCE IN CHINA.

Nanking, Dec. 15.

With a view to encouraging observance of the solar calendar, the Central Party Headquarters have formulated an elaborate programme for the celebration of the New Year.

The Central Party Headquarters have proclaimed that on January 1 all Government and party organs as well as public institutions such as schools, factories and stores throughout China must suspend functions, while Party and National flags will be flown that day and mass meetings held under the auspices of the local Party and Government organs.—
Reuter.

WEEK-END FIRES.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH AT KOWLOON TONG.

A matchstick situated at Prince Edward Road, in Kowloon Tong, was burned to the ground by a fire which occurred on Saturday night, shortly after eleven o'clock. The structure was used as a place of habitation, and the Kowloon Fire Brigade reports that a child was burned to death.

The Kowloon Brigade received another call last night, a message being sent through at 7.50 that a fire had broken out in Shamshui-po.

It was ascertained that the outbreak was of small dimensions, being confined to a heap of rubbish in the kitchen of the first floor of No. 75, Lai-chikok Road. The blaze was put out by the inmates before the arrival of the firemen, and it was not found necessary to use any of the equipment, which accordingly returned to the station shortly afterwards.

BANK DIVIDEND.

BANQUE FRANCO CHINOISE PAYS 8 PER CENT.

The local office of the Banque Franco Chinoise Pour le Commerce et l'Industrie has received a telegram from the head office in Paris, stating that the profits for the financial year 1927-8 amount to Fcs. 36,240,000, that a dividend of eight per cent has been declared and that a sum of Fcs. 2,170,000 has been carried forward.



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WHILE ON DUTY!

AW, PIPE DOWN! I'M
TALKIN' ABOUT THE
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ONE WAS TAKEN = IN
FACT I HADDA LET ONE
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GOOD TA GO BACK TA WORK
FER GUZZ, ANYWAY!

FOR MEALS
STEP IN THE
DINING-
ROOM

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THUS ENDS
SAM'S
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WITH
THE
HOTEL
DE FLOP!

WHAT
NEXT?



Group taken after the wedding in Shanghai of Mr. F. Boss, the manager of the Palace Hotel, and Miss S. Gate. The marriage took place at the British Consulate.



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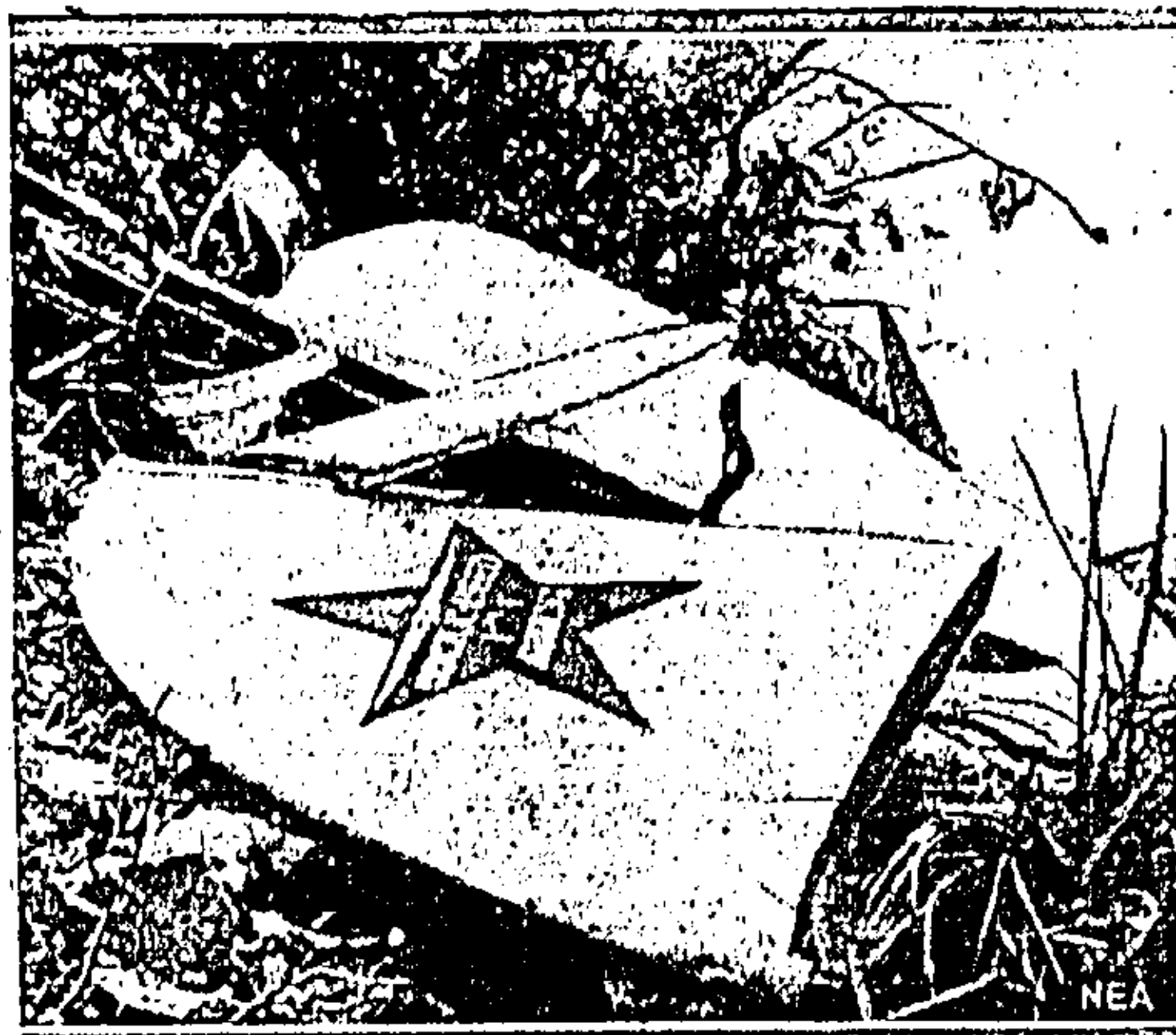
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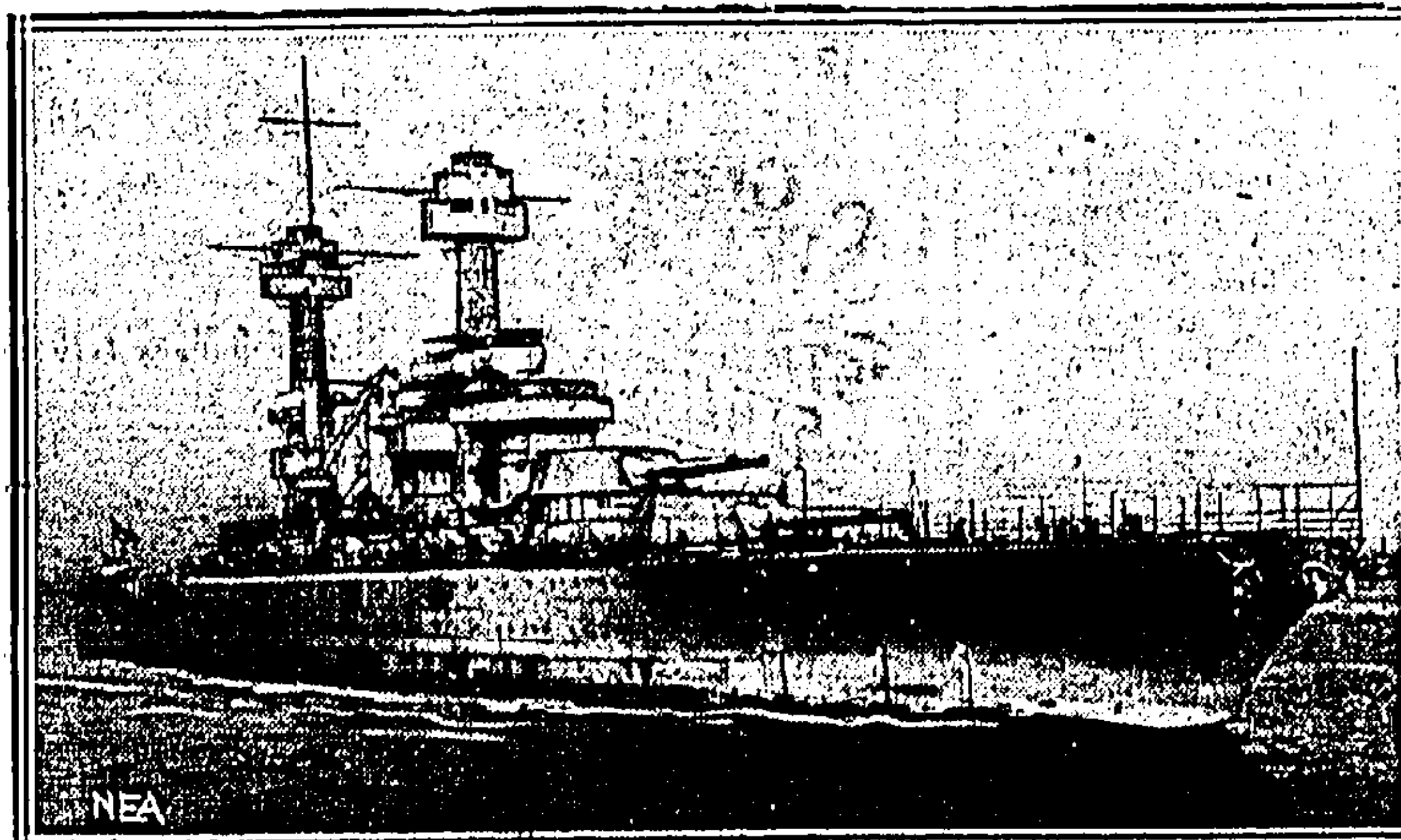
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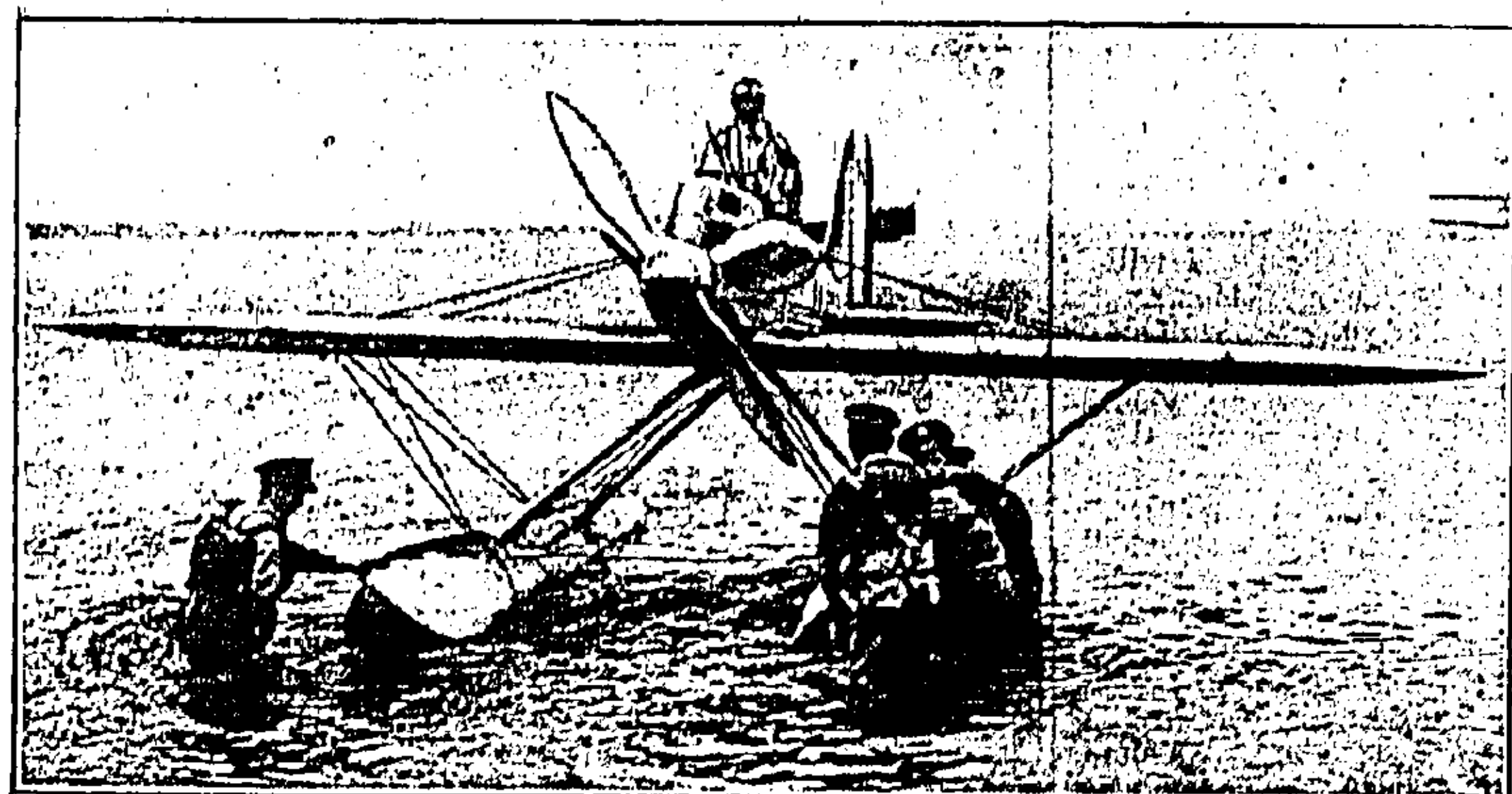
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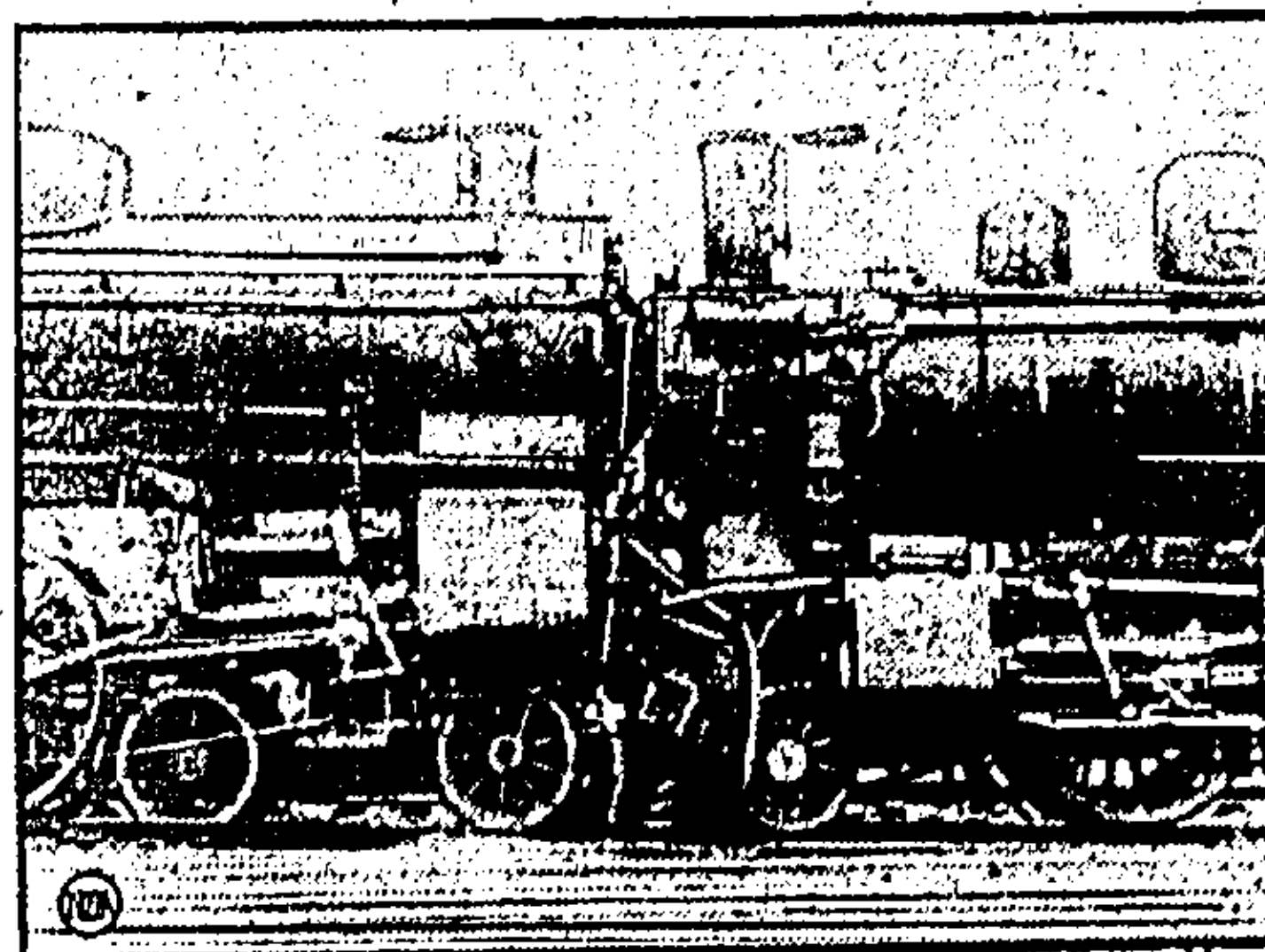
The wreckage of a machine in which Capt. C.B.D. Collyer and Mr. Harry Tucker were killed. They had made a record nonstop flight the previous month.



The U. S. S. Maryland in which Mr. Herbert Hoover, the President-Elect of the United States, is making a goodwill tour of South America. An anti-American demonstration occurred in Argentina on Friday.



The machine in which Fl. Lieut. D'Arcy Greig attempted to beat the world's air speed record. He surpassed Major de Bernardi's record of 318 1/2 miles an hour, but did not beat it by the five miles an hour required by international regulations. (Times copyright).



A remarkable picture of a smash in Rumania recently. It looks a minor accident, but the coaches behind were telescoped and forty persons killed.



Flight Lieut. D'Arcy Greig taken after his great attempt to beat the world air speed record. His machine did 319.57 miles an hour, which beat the existing record, but did not create a new one. (Times copyright).



The Charge of the Light Brigade, as rehearsed in the long Valley, Aldershot, for the British film "Balacava," which is being made by Gainsborough Pictures. Troops from the Royal Horse Artillery, the 1st King's Dragoon Guards, the 14th/20th Hussars, and the Royal Engineers took part. (Times copyright).

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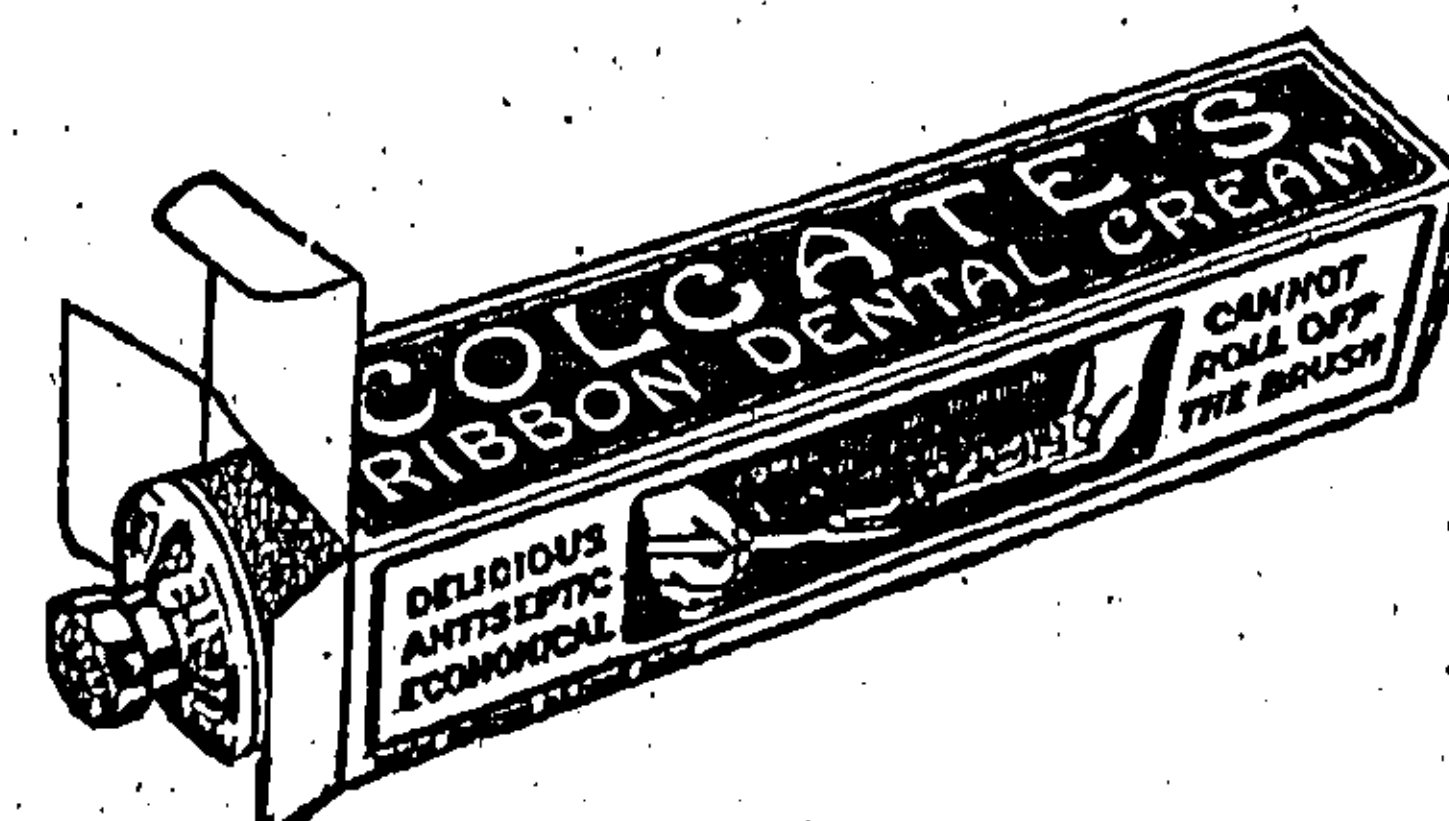
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VACCINATIONS.

CHINESE RECEIVE TREATMENT FREE OF CHARGE.

The number of Chinese vaccinated free of charge by members of the Ambulance Brigade, up to and including Friday, were:—
Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division 9928
King's College Division 11146
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S. Joseph's College Division 3846
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These figures represent the number of persons vaccinated by members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade during the present campaign, which commenced on December 8. Vaccination has been conducted by the Brigade during epidemics for the last 12 years. During 1927 the numbers totalled 106,635.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
U.S.A. Honolulu Japan and Shanghai	President Pierce	December 17.
Straits	Tresillian	November 17.
Shanghai and Amoy	Ning Hai	December 17.
Shanghai	Chinkiang	December 17.
Japan	Sado Maru	December 18.

From	Per	Date
Japan, and Shanghai, and Europe via Siberia (London 26th and 27th Nov.)	Portos	December 18.
Straits	Gazans	December 18.
Saloon	Athos II	December 18.
Australia and Manila	Aki Maru	December 20.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Asia	December 20.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pros Jackson	December 21.
Europe via Suez (letters and papers) London 22nd and parcels, 15th November	Kalyan	December 21.
Straits	Hakono Maru	December 23.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kochow	Mon., Dec. 17, 4.30 p.m.
Formosa	Fulda	Mon., Dec. 17, 5 p.m.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and S. America	President Madison	Tues., Dec. 18.
"Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia"	Parcels	17, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	18, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	18, 10.30 a.m.
		(Due San Francisco 9th Jan.)

For	Per	Date and Time.
Holhow Pakhoi and Halphong	Chusan	Tues., Dec. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Japan	Glyno Maru	Tues., Dec. 18, 10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Portos	Tues., Dec. 18.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Straits and Calcutta	K. P. O.	Registration 10 a.m.
	G. P. O.	Letters 1 p.m.
		Registration 12.45 p.m.
		Letters 1.30 p.m.
		(Due Marseilles 18th January, 1929.)

For	Per	Date and Time.
Shanghai and Japan	Athos II	Tues., Dec. 18, 1 p.m.
Amoy	Shantung	Tues., Dec. 18, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Tues., Dec. 18, 2 p.m.
Manila	Telemachus	Tues., Dec. 18, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Pros. Pierce	Tues., Dec. 18, 4.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Kwai Sang	Tues., Dec. 18, 5 p.m.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Shanghai	Sado Maru	Wed., Dec. 19.
Holhow and Bangkok	Registration	8.45 a.m.
Shanghai	Letters	9.30 a.m.
Holhow and Halphong	Ninghai	Wed., Dec. 19, 10.30 a.m.
	Chinhua	Mon., Dec. 19, 10.30 a.m.
	Hupoh	Wed., Dec. 19, 1.30 p.m.
	Menado Maru	Thurs., Dec. 20, 8.30 a.m.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Sandakan	Hinsang	Thurs., Dec. 20, 1.30 p.m.
Straits	Glaucus	Thurs., Dec. 20, 2.30 p.m.
Japan	Aki Maru	Fri., Dec. 21, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Fri., Dec. 21, 1 p.m.
Amoy	Klukiang	Fri., Dec. 21, 1.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Asia	Fri., Dec. 21, 3.30 p.m.
Japan	Sulsang	Sat., Dec. 22, 10 a.m.
Wei Hai Wei	Huichow	Sat., Dec. 22, 2.30 p.m.
Manila	Pros. Jackson	Sat., Dec. 22, 4.30 p.m.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles	Naldara	Sat., Dec. 22.
	K. P. O.	Registration 11.40 a.m.
	Reg.	22, 9 a.m.
	Letters	22, 10 a.m.
	G. P. O.	Registration 21, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	22, 9.45 a.m.
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WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

The Slimming Process.

(By Lady Nelsh.)

A specialist gave me this "slimming" diet. It will not cost much to try it. Eat your ordinary meals, but nothing after tea except fruit (fresh and dried) and perhaps a few nuts. Leave out bananas as they are super-nourishing.

Have you ever tried a fruit dinner? It is delicious, when you get used to it. It took me less than a week. You can always modify it when you are dining out by taking a little fish, a scrap of meat or game, and the savoury—leaving out potatoes, bread and sweets. No one notices nowadays if you give china a miss. I have never had anyone comment on it yet excepting in a very mild, chaffing way. Try it then: all your ordinary food, what you like for breakfast and for luncheon (a little care at tea, please), but nothing after five p.m.

After all, three good meals followed by a fruit dinner is in no respect a trial if it enables you to keep your delightfully slim figure, is it?

Evening Frocks.

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Chiffon frocks are fashioned with quite long trains. Lame frocks are often edged with chiffon frills.

Handsome brocaded lame frocks are trimmed with a collection of gaily floating panels of exactly matching chiffon.

Cired chiffon is a bizarre new material. A design made with a tulle skirt, swathed at the waistline with a navy eired chiffon handkerchief, was fastened with a silver dagger.

A black chiffon model, with a handkerchief skirt that brushed the ground in four points, was made over a gold tissue foundation.

A black tulle design with a magnificently fitted tight bodice, had a skirt which burst forth in a shower of petal-shaped panels, each one being finished with a row of shaded roses.

A pale eau-de-nil tulle frock was made with four tiers of gradually widening frills. The bottom one must have been several yards in circumference. The neck was swathed with tulle which was held in place with a necklace of glittering paste daisies.



A very smart black felt hat has plasters of black and white feathers lying smoothly on the cheek where the brim turns up and on the crown and brim on the turned-down side.

Two Useful School girl Frocks.



The jumper-frock is a very up-to-date affair, with front-pleated skirt, smartly belted bodice, and muslin collar and cuffs. The second dress favours the modish flared skirt bound with braid to match the chief colour in the patterned fabric.

Grim Faces.

WHY WON'T WOMEN SMILE?

"Smiles are completely out of fashion," announced a well-known London photographer recently. Asked his reasons for this statement, he explained that the modern woman prefers a camera portrait to reproduce the individual interest, experience, and meaning in her face rather than the vapid sameness of a smile.

But is a smiling face actually less expressive than one in repose? Compare a photograph of a bevy of laughing girls with a similar group taken in more serious mood. As a rule, the former can be dismissed with a glance, while the latter repays a close study of the individual types pictured. This being so, it is easy to understand why Miss 1928, first and foremost an individualist, has no use for an expression which is little more than a facial contortion, turned on and off like electric light at appropriate moments.

Do the majority of people realize how rarely nowadays one sees a smiling face? Watch other women shopping, walking in the street, riding in bus, train, or tram. Notice people who, presumably, are enjoying themselves—dancers, golfers, skaters, tennis, or hockey players. With faces grimly set, they produce never a smile among them.

And let any girl who doubts that smiles are at a premium try going about her daily business with one on her lips. How people would stare! And, as likely as not, some alert "gentleman" translates her expression into an invitation

to accost her and claim acquaintance.

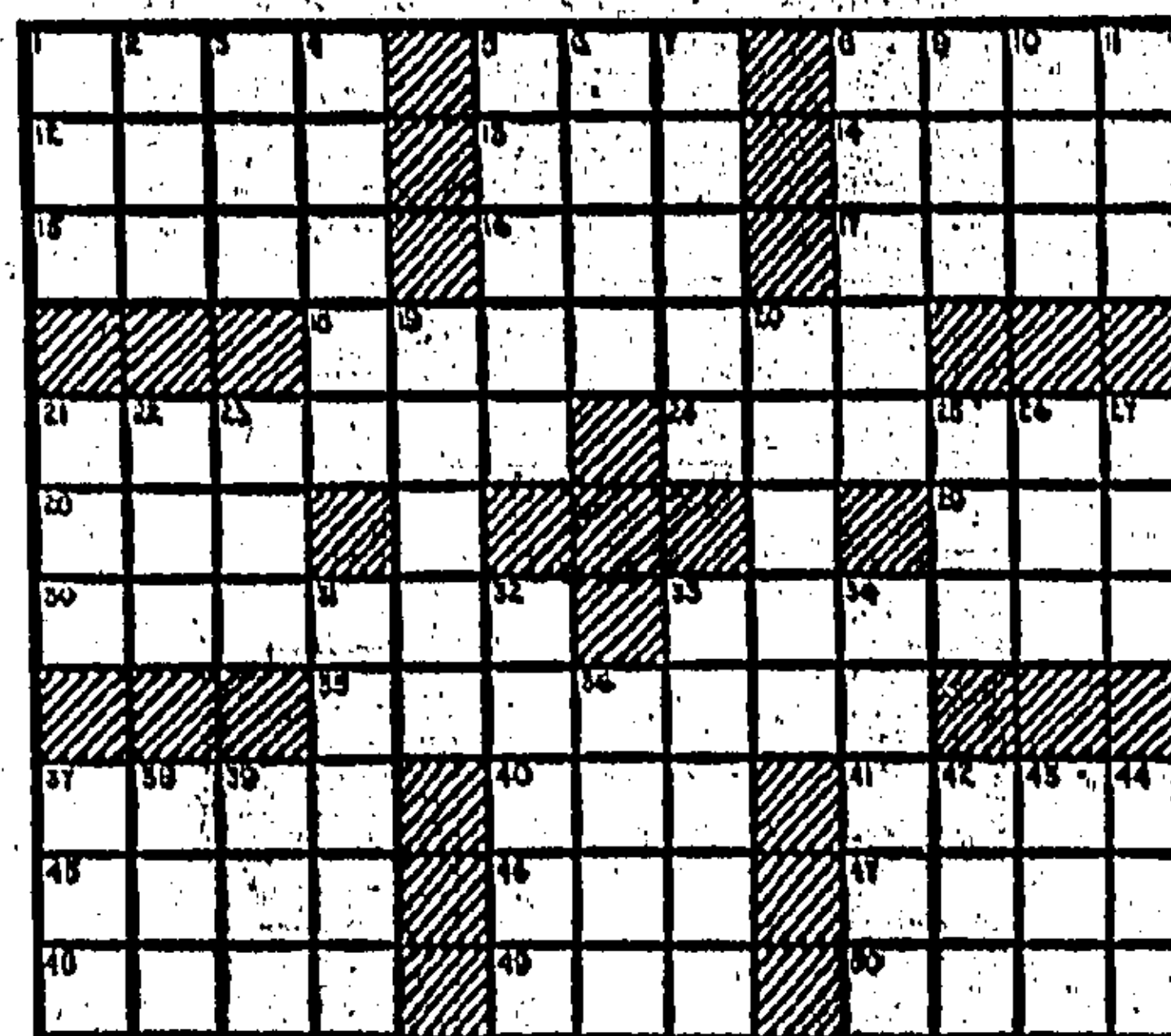
Duchess of York's Smile.

That the Duchess of York's charming smile has won her worldwide fame is proof of the rarity of a smiling face. The majority of modern women have never learned to smile. Not that we are more disagreeable or had tempered than our predecessors, of whom little was expected but to look pleasant and be graciously ornamental. But we are infinitely more preoccupied. Everything we do is achieved in a rush at the expense of violent concentration. We have no time to drift lazily from one thing to the next, smiling benignly the while.

A well-known American actress, who recently insured her famous smile for no less than £50,000, declared herself unbearably depressed by the solemn faces of men and women in our city streets. Yet I have seen that same lady driving in her luxurious car with an expression more serious than the proverbial judge. And one can imagine that even a £50,000 smile, continuously displayed, might lose a little of its lustre.

For, inevitably, a constant smile becomes artificial, expressive of nothing in particular. Whereas a real smile, such as one may surprise on the face of a child, a mother, a dear friend, comes straight from the heart. No modern woman wears her heart on her sleeve, or a meaningless smirk on her lips. But her rare smile is as genuine as her heart is sound. For, whatever cynics may say to the contrary, hearts have not yet gone out of fashion. And let us hope they never will. **NORAH CAMERON.**

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal

- 1 Low place between hills.
- 5 Marble used as a shooter.
- 8 Pit for storing green fodder.
- 12 Kiln.
- 13 To habituate.
- 14 To utter a loud shout.
- 15 Caterpillar hair.
- 16 Scarlet.
- 17 Within.
- 18 American oscine bird.
- 21 Places of safety.
- 24 Special business entrusted to a messenger.
- 28 English money of account.
- 29 Card game.
- 30 To happen.
- 33 The aggregate property which a person leaves at his death.
- 35 To utter.
- 37 Fairy.
- 40 Type of poem.
- 41 To discern.
- 45 Percentage paid for the exchange of currency.
- 46 Sky.
- 47 Painful.
- 48 Outer garment.
- 49 To devour.
- 50 Stain.

Vertical

- 1 Dower property.
- 2 One of the beads of a rosary.
- 3 To rent.
- 4 Growing out.
- 5 Twist.
- 6 Toward sea.
- 7 Tapering block used in raising heavy bodies.
- 8 To gather.

9 Electrified particle.

- 10 Quantity.
- 11 Indian of a tribe formerly found in Nebraska.
- 19 Positive terminal of an electric source.
- 20 Heaven, as if worn away.
- 21 Peg.
- 22 Part of verb "to be."
- 23 Tanner's vessel.
- 25 Wing part of a seed.
- 26 Negative adverb.
- 27 Opposite to "buck."
- 31 Imbecile.
- 32 To run away to marry.
- 33 Incident.
- 34 Ringlet.
- 36 A plan or purpose of action.
- 37 Moccasin.
- 38 Self.
- 39 Inlet.
- 42 To steep in liquid.
- 43 In contrast with "con."
- 44 Still.

Saturday's Solution.

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THE TREATIES.

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Nanking, Dec. 15.

The Treaty negotiations between
Dr. C. T. Wang and Sir Miles
Lampson were resumed this morn-
ing at 10 o'clock and lasted 3 1/2
hours, which is the longest session.

so far.
A hopeful atmosphere prevails.
—Reuter.
Nanking, Dec. 15.
Dr. Wang had a conference with
Senior Bianchi this afternoon.
—Reuter.
Berlin, Dec. 15.
The Reichstag has adopted the
new Trade Treaty with China.
—Reuter.

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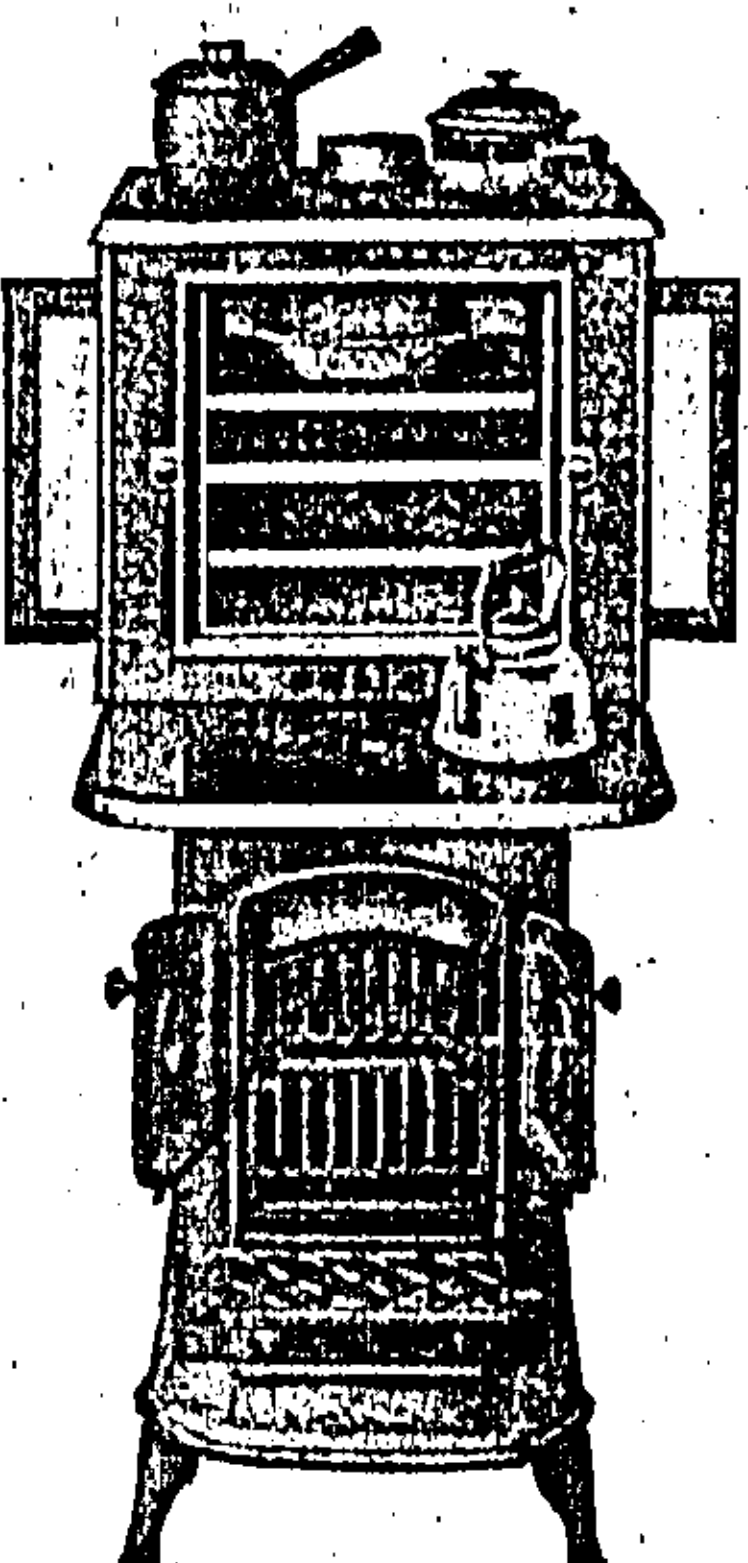
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MARRIAGE.

PARSONS—HECK.—The wedding of John Wesley Parsons of the British-American Tobacco Co. (China) Ltd., to Anne Heck of the American Consulate took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Gilman, at Canton, on December 15th, 1928. The Reverend J. S. Kunkle officiated. Mr. Douglas Jenkins, Consul General for the United States and several friends of the bride and groom attended the ceremony.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

MONDAY, DEC. 17, 1928.

DISARMAMENT.

The disarmament question has, for the time being, fallen into the background in international politics, mainly because Europe is at the moment more concerned with the big issues associated with the Rhineland evacuation and with German reparations. No marked progress appears yet to have been made on these two problems, but we are hoping that the near future will witness the reaching of at least a basis of understanding on which to build up a final and lasting settlement. On the disarmament question, nothing has resulted from Senator Britten's suggestion of an Anglo-American Parliamentary conference, and it may be assumed that little more will be heard of this proposal. However, Mr. Kellogg apparently thinks there is a possibility of Britain seeking to reopen negotiations with the United States for an understanding in regard to cruiser tonnage, and he appears to be optimistic of the results of any move in that direction.

On the general issue of disarmament, Lord Sydenham, who has taken the liveliest interest in this subject, has recently been pointing the moral of the developments of the past few years. He says that since the naval agreement of 1921 there has been an involved series of misunderstandings between the United States and Britain, which all must deplore, and it is now clear that all the Great Powers claim, and will continue to claim, the right to define their own naval requirements in their own way, declining to accept the definitions of others. Britain has scrapped more naval tonnage than any other nation and has cut down her military strength to an extent which some experts consider as barely sufficient for security. Neither France nor Italy seem likely to make further re-

ductions at present, and the United States is contemplating considerable naval expansion, which she believes to be necessary to the demands of what President Coolidge has termed her "new destiny." In face of these circumstances, the Preparatory Commission at Geneva, appointed to "formulate plans," has accomplished nothing.

It has, of course, to be remembered that Article 8 of the League Covenant enjoins "reduction of national armaments to the lowest point consistent with national safety," and it is these italicised words which embody the reservation which is the crux of the whole difficulty. In the opinion of Lord Sydenham, the League of Nations should postpone this disarmament question to a more convenient season, which may be hoped for in the relatively near future. Otherwise, it will certainly come to be regarded, he thinks, as a world irritant which would impair its usefulness in more hopeful spheres. The Anglo-French attempt to reach an understanding, with a view to helping the general cause, has not met with a very happy reception, and there is wisdom in the suggestion that no more efforts of this kind be made till the Conference of 1931. Lord Sydenham contributes a timely suggestion in this connexion, urging that whatever naval expansion the United States may decide on, Britain should make no rejoinder. Above all, he asks that recriminations be scrupulously avoided. It is, of course, obvious that wordy controversies on this subject do not help at all, and we think there is considerable reasonableness in the suggestion that, for the time being at any rate, this question of disarmament be given a rest, in the hope that when it later comes to be faced, calmer sentiments will prevail.

Canton-Hankow Railway.

There can be little further doubt that the Chinese authorities are seriously taking up the question of completing the railway between Canton and Hankow. Several conferences have been held in Nanking between the leaders of the provinces concerned and the Government, and it appears that a definite scheme has been agreed upon, under which each province will make a monthly contribution towards the cost of the project. Our information is that Kwangtung's quota is to be \$500,000 monthly and that arrangements have already been made to meet this charge out of savings from military expenditure. A large number of troops will be disbanded, possibly put to work on the construction of the new line, and a saving thus effected of over a million dollars monthly. Out of this sum will be found the money required for the commencement of the new line from Shikwan to Hankow, and the repair of the existing line from Canton to Shikwan. The scheme has been in the air for so long that Hongkong, which is vitally interested in the development of such railway facilities, has been inclined to doubt, not without some justification. The time has now come to offer encouragement. The completion of the Canton-Hankow Railway is of the greatest importance to Hongkong, since it means not only that trade with the Middle and Upper Yangtze can be developed rapidly, but that the dream of a through railway line from Europe is brought nearer fulfilment. The day is still far ahead, but the first and most important step is apparently being made now.

CORRESPONDENCE.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—May I point out that an unnecessary and invidious comparison is suggested by your statement in to-day's Hongkong Telegraph that two schools have the best "aggregate" results in the recent examinations? If any comparison at all were to be made, surely the number of entrants should also be taken into account, by calculating the percentage of entrants who passed. I think you will then find that neither of the two schools you particularise had the best average result. I enclose my card.—Yours, etc., E. C. T. Hongkong, Dec. 16th, 1928.

DAY BY DAY.

ENTHUSIASM BEGETS ENTHUSIASM.

Mr. Lloyd Kay, of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, was operated on for appendicitis on Saturday evening at the French Hospital, and is doing fairly well.

The Bazaar Committee of St. Vincent de Paul have pleasure in acknowledging a donation for the Bazaar of \$50 from Miss Sybil Joseph, through Mr. Leo d'Almeida e Castro.

Cold weather is being experienced in the North. The temperature at Shanghai at 6 o'clock this morning was 23, compared with 61 in Hongkong.

The return of notifiable diseases for the week-end shows eight further cases of small-pox, of which five were in Victoria registration districts, and one case each of diphtheria and typhoid. The last named was British, all the others being Chinese.

Mr. Horacio J. de Garcia, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, has recently obtained his medical diploma as a specialist of pulmonary tuberculosis at the University of Paris. Mr. de Garcia who is the son-in-law of Mr. J. M. da Rocha, has been the recipient of many congratulations.

A Chinese boy, nine years of age, was burned to death in the course of a match fire at Kowloon Tong on Saturday night. The body was picked up after the blaze in a very charred condition, and was removed to the Kowloon Mortuary.

In regard to the fire at Upper Station Street, last week, the five charred bodies recovered from the debris, after the conflagration, have all been identified as inmates of one or other of the three houses involved.

When a Chinese, aged 78 years, was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning with hawking without a licence on the Kowloon City Rifle Range, his Worship granted the man a free licence from the Poor Box and further gave the man \$2 with which to start business.

Dr. A. R. Wellington, Hongkong's new Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, who is coming here from the Federated Malay States, is due to arrive here in January. We understand that the Colonial Office is holding over the appointment of an expert malariologist for Hongkong until Dr. Wellington has had time to investigate local conditions.

At the Marine Court this morning before Commr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N. Chau Pui, master of the steam launch Wah Hing, was charged with towing three lighters of more than 500 piculs, abreast of each other through the Southern Entrance of the Yau-mat Tsing Shelter. Pleading guilty, he was fined \$5, with the usual alternative.

We understand that the Legislative Council will meet once or twice before the end of the year but the Bills to be proceeded with will be only those of lesser importance. The bigger matters upon which there has been controversy will not be taken up until next year. This is primarily to allow the Attorney General, who recently returned from leave, to pick up the threads of his work.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 15 arrivals and 11 departures, British holding top place with six and three, leaving 63 vessels in port, of which 31 were British. Tonnage was low, with only six inward freights of 12 reaching the four figure mark and seven throughs, of which six were British, with two of four figures. The total of British cargoes was only slightly more than 4,000 tons.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Dec. 16.
Paris	124.155
New York	485 5/32
Brussels	34.383
Genoa	25.19
Amsterdam	12.074
Milan	92.055
Berlin	20.354
Stockholm	18.1454
Copenhagen	18.175
Oslo	18.194
Vienna	34.455
Prague	133
Helsingfors	132
Madrid	29.555
Lisbon	100
Athens	374
Bucharest	810
Rio	5.57/84
Buenos Aires	47.1/32
Bombay	1/0.1/32
Shanghai	2/7
Hongkong	2/0
Yokohama	1/10.23/32
Silver (spot)	25 1/2
Silver (forward)	25 1/2

—British Wireless.

CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

THE NEW KOWLOON BUILDING.

The Kowloon Branch of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., for which the ground was broken on November 12, will have its foundations completed this month. The ceremony of laying the foundation stone will take place toward the end of January.

Architect's sketches show a four-storeyed structure of reinforced concrete, with stucco exterior finish. It is to be a community centre for varied activities such as constitute a Y.M.C.A. programme. The present structure is the first unit to which it is hoped additions will be made later. This is a dormitory and social unit.

The ground floor contains social room, dining room, office, and

About Hong Kong

Do you know that—

The first Justices of the Peace for the Colony were appointed in 1843, one year after the British occupation?

The Deputy Superintendent of Trade, the Chief Magistrate and the Assistant Magistrate were the first appointed, and the names of 43 more were added a few months later.

Fifteen of these, representative of the leading merchants, were Unofficials.

baths and dressing room for the use of members who come from outside the building for the recreation grounds outside. On these grounds there will be tennis, volleyball and basketball. The side-elevation of the building looks out on this recreation ground. The upper floors are devoted to dormitories for young business men who are located in Kowloon or who prefer to live in this attractive section. There will be accommodation for about forty residents.

Mr. Y. H. Tso, M.A., the General Secretary, reports that the building will be ready for activities by September 1st of next year.

CANTON CLUB THEATRE.

PIANOFORTE RECITAL BY MR. HARRY ORE.

Mr. Harry Ore, well-known to Hongkong music lovers, gave an excellent pianoforte recital in the Canton Club Theatre on Friday night to commemorate the Centenary of the death of Franz Schubert.

The audience was regrettably small, but what it lacked in numbers, was certainly made up for in enthusiasm and every number was received with loud and prolonged applause. It is unfortunate that with so few occasions to hear good music on Shamen the community turned out in such small numbers, whilst to hear indifferent variety entertainments the whole community seems always willing to turn out.

The programme was excellently arranged and Mr. Ore played in his usual masterly manner. The first item on the programme was Schubert's Sonata in A Major. This was followed by two delightful songs by Mrs. G. A. Clements, sympathetically accompanied by Mr. A. T. Lay, these being Schubert's "Where is my Sylvia?" and "Songs my Mother Taught Me" by Dvorak.

Mr. Ore then came to the piano again and gave two groups of pieces, including "Lau Yu Kam," Cantonese song transcribed by himself. This was worthy of particular note and was beautifully rendered.

Mrs. Clements then sang two songs by Montagu Phillips, accompanied by Mr. A. T. Lay these being enthusiastically received and heartily encored, and the programme concluded with Mr. Ore's Macao Lullaby and the Overture from "Wilhelm Tell."

FAIR WEATHER.

To-day's Observatory report states that the Japanese depression has deepened and is moving into the Pacific. The Guam typhoon is probably moving northward. The anticyclone over China has weakened slightly. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—North-east winds, fresh; fair.

The Very Idea!

Interesting figures have just been issued at Oxford analyzing the results of the University examinations held last year. The most remarkable feature of these returns is the number of first-class honours scored by undergraduates of Balliol College, amounting to twenty-five in all. New College, its nearest rival, only achieved fourteen such successes, while few other colleges, of whom the foremost are Exeter and St. John's achieve double figures. The women failed to do as well as the men, taking numbers into consideration. For instance, in the Honour School of English Literature, where the number of women entered is greater than the men, the latter scored four of the six first awards. The women were least successful in Literae Humaniores and most successful in Modern Languages.

Tommy had been sent to the draper's for a pair of stockings for his mother, but although he had been shown almost every pair in the shop was still dissatisfied.

The draper, exasperated, finally asked 'him what was the matter with the stockings he had been showing him.

"Well," answered Tommy, "they're a' over straight in the legs for me mither. Yee see, she's bowdy!"

Peace is just a question of education first and last.—Dr. Cyril Norwood.

There can be no permanent defect in married life.—Dr. Bernard Hollander.

A certain provincialism of feeling is invaluable. It is of the essence of individuality.—Thomas Hardy.

"The man of the world" is responsible for more erroneous opinion than perhaps anyone.—Lord Cecil.

We pedestrians spend nearly the whole of our time jumping out of the way of motor-cars.—Mr. Bingley.

There is a fallacy in the assumption that the more a man reads the more nearly he approaches to the truth.—Mr. H. A. L. Fisher.

[To a man of 54, who said he was too old to drive a motor-car, Mr. Bernard Campion, K.C., the North London Magistrate, said: "Fifty-four is not old. It is young. At fifty-four a man is in his prime."]

I thank good Mr. Campion. The middle-aged man's champion does not fear to speak the simple truth.

If I rightly catch his drift, he says the man of four and fifty is relatively nothing but youth. He is full of vim and vigour. So he simply cannot doubt it. Though his waist is getting bigger. He is not too sad about it.

If a miserable party (Who is really hale and hearty) Declares at such an age that he is old And quite declines to try for Any job as motor driver, It is only that his feet are getting cold. He need haunt no quiet by-way; If his heart is really in it He could dash along the highway At a mile or more a minute.

Yes, at fifty-four the muscle And the brain the constant tussle Of these stirring times can certainly endure Far better, being mellow, Than the tissues of the yellow Who is obviously somewhat immature. So at fifty-four I'm bolder Than the vaunted youthful filer. And each year as I get older I shall put it even higher.

Mr. Oswald, the West London coroner: Swimming is more useful for boys than learning to play the piano.

Lodger at Bow: My landlord and his family—morning, noon, and night sing "Old soldiers never die, they simply fade away."

Willisden woman: This man hit me on the face and my shoe dropped off.

Magistrate at Tower Bridge: Have you a friend to go surety for you? Prisoner: No, I'm Irish.

"You don't notice it when your own husband is swearing, but you do if somebody else does."—A woman at Bow County Court.

Judge Rowlands at Clerkenwell County Court: No wise person relies entirely upon the particulars by a house agent.

The Philharmonic Society gave another performance of "Tom Jones" at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night, to a large audience which greatly enjoyed the fine treat provided. There will be another performance to-night.

CHINESE FIREMEN SENTENCED.**BRIGADE MEN WHO LOOTED AFTER FIRE.****THREE GO TO GAOL.**

The case against three Chinese members of the Fire Brigade, who were charged with pilfering property from the buildings during the fire at Kennedy Town on Saturday morning, was heard before Mr. H. E. Lindsell at the Central Police Court this morning.

Fireman Ng Tui charged with stealing a gold ring, a key, two papers, an electric flash light torch, and some loose money from two of the buildings involved Nos. 134 and 136, Connaught Road West.

Defendant said that of the money some three dollars odd belonged to him. He picked up the rest on the staircase of the house in which the fire originated.

His Worship:—Your did steal, in fact?

Defendant:—Yes.

His Worship:—You, who are supposed to enter for the protection of life and property, seized this opportunity to steal other people's things, didn't you?

Defendant made no reply.

Mr. H. T. Brooks, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, stated, in reply to his Worship, that it might be, as the defendant had said, that the \$3 odd the defendant claimed was his own property.

Inspector Bloor said different reports were received of property lost in the fire, and all the occupants from the houses involved had been to the No. 7 Station for the purpose of identifying property. None of them identified the property which was the subject of the charge.

Defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour, his Worship making an order that the \$3.10 claimed by the defendant be returned to him. The remainder of the money, as well as the articles named in the charge, were to be held by the police against possible claims.

Intended to Hand Back.

Fireman Chan Yuk-tin, charged with stealing money and property from No. 135, said that a match-box and a hair-net belonged to him, but that the rest was picked up on the premises.

His Worship (to defendant):—You, also employed to protect life and property, took the opportunity to rob?

Defendant replied that it was his intention to hand the property over to a European had there been one near at hand.

His Worship:—That amounts to a plea of not guilty.

Superintendent Brooks said the man belonged to a shift which took over duty on Sunday morning. Twenty-four hours after the start of the fire, it was still found necessary for the men to turn over the smouldering debris, and the defendant, who was supposed to be on duty with other members of the shift yesterday morning, was missed from his place. They later found him coming out from one of the other houses involved in the fire, and that fact, coupled with the previous arrest of two other firemen, was sufficient to arouse suspicions. On being searched, some silver money was found concealed in his boots.

Inspector Bloor said that at a second search, carried out after the man had been taken to the Police Station, \$9 in Chinese notes was taken, being concealed under the man's uniform tunic.

Finding the charge proved, his Worship said to the defendant:—"You too, go to gaol for six weeks."

Third Case.

Lui Hai, the third fireman to be charged with a similar offence, returned a plea of not guilty.

In his case, the Superintendent said that he was seen with two other firemen coming from a floor where he had no business to be. When searched, several ten-cent pieces and a small gold pendant were taken from his pockets, for which he could give no satisfactory explanation.

Defendant was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

NO CEREMONY.**RE-OPENING OF NANKING U. S. CONSULATE.**

Shanghai, Dec. 15. It is understood that the American Consulate in Nanking, which has been closed since March 24, 1927, as a result of the Nanking incident, is to be re-opened shortly without any ceremony.

The U.S. officials are leaving for Nanking to-day for this purpose.

—*Reuter.*
[China was to have saluted the United States flag, but afterwards refused to do so.]

STOLEN MOTOR.**THOUGHTLESS ENFORCEMENT OF HUSBAND'S CLAIM.**

Two Chinese women who appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday, on remand, on charges of larceny and of receiving an electric motor belonging to China Light and Power, Co., Ltd., were convicted and fined.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo appeared for the defendants, the case starting at the early hour of 9.15 a.m.

Mr. Lo prefaced his opening by remarking that the early sitting of the Court could not but indicate his Worship's extraordinary energy and eagerness to expedite the proceedings. Appreciating this as Mr. Lo did, he said that he would not waste the time of the Court but in the interests of justice he would ask his Worship's indulgence for a few moments.

Counsel then briefly outlined his case. He said that the charges preferred against the two defendants were what might be regarded as a sequel to the second defendant's somewhat hasty and thoughtless enforcement of her husband's *bona fide* claim against the absconding debtors for money due to him.

The accused, continued Counsel, could not be convicted of theft unless there was evidence to prove that they had acted *animo furandi*. It had to be proved that at the time of carrying the motor away they had the criminal intention of permanently depriving the owners of the benefits of the ownership of the motor.

Claim of Right.

That innocent receipt and subsequent conversion did not constitute larceny was the well-established law. The truth of the matter was that the second defendant took the motor *bona fide* under a claim of right, whereas the first defendant only received it in her hut from the second defendant, who was a relative. She did not know it had been stolen.

Counsel then spoke of the second defendant removing the motor and holding it as security against payment. Later on the landlord of the bankrupt firm enquired from the defendant about the motor and informed her that it belonged to the Government.

She was somewhat frightened and the man's visit left her in a dilemma. At first she thought that by taking possession of the motor she would render assistance to her husband in recovering his debts from the bankrupt firm, but now she found herself in serious difficulties after hearing the landlord's story as to the ownership of the motor. She did not obtain her husband's counsel as to what she should do with the motor, but devised means herself to take it away without telling him, to avoid being blamed for her foolish action. Eventually she took it to the first defendant.

Superstition.

Counsel explained that the motor was buried on grounds of superstition. He said that while the motor was in the first defendant's hut one of her daughters was suddenly taken seriously ill and not knowing any better, the first defendant attributed her daughter's illness to the presence of the motor, believing that certain evil spirits which took possession of her daughter had gone into the hut under the shelter of the motor.

Evidence bearing out Mr. Lo's remarks was then given. After Counsel had addressed the Bench, his worship said he was prepared to believe there had been no intention to steal the motor until after the landlord's visit.

The first defendant was convicted of receiving and the second of larceny. His Worship said that he thought he was justified under the circumstances in giving them the option of a fine. The first defendant was fined \$25 and the second \$50.

WELLKNOWN WRITER'S DEATH.**PASSING OF DEMETRIUS BOULGER.**

London, Dec. 16. The death is announced of Demetrius Boulgar, the well-known English and publicist and student of Oriental affairs.—*Reuter.*

[Demetrius Boulgar, who was born in 1863, was educated at Kensington Grammar School and by private tuition. He contributed to all the leading journals on questions connected with India, China, Egypt and Turkey, and was a close student of military questions, especially those connected with the French frontiers and the position of Belgium.

In 1895, he founded, in conjunction with Sir Lepel Griffin, the *Asiatic Quarterly Review*, and edited it during the first five years of its existence. His political contributions to the English reviews were invariably characterised by accurate knowledge and keen judgment.]

ARMS POSSESSION DENIAL.**CHARGE OF OBSTRUCTING REVENUE OFFICERS.****ASSAULT COMPLAINT.**

A Chinese named So Suk-ki was charged at the Central Magistracy this morning with possession of two rounds of 38 ammunition without a licence from the Captain Superintendent of Police and also with obstructing a Chinese revenue officer in the execution of his duty.

The case was taken by the First Magistrate, Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Mr. M. K. Lo appearing for the defence, Revenue Officer Grimmitt prosecuting.

Mr. Lo mentioned that R. O. Grimmitt must know of the defendant's allegation yesterday, namely, that he denied at the time that the bullets were ever his; and, secondly, that he was assaulted by the revenue officers. Mr. Lo said that in view of the allegation against the searcher "who started the show" it would be preferable if R. O. Grimmitt could outline the facts of the case, so that the parties should know what was common ground.

In complying, R. O. Grimmitt stated that Chinese Revenue Officer 72 was on duty at the sea-front yesterday when the Shekki towboat went alongside. His duty was to search incoming passengers and their baggage. The defendant came from the Shekki boat and he had one basket with him.

The defendant was told that his basket was going to be searched, whereupon he put his basket down and attempted to run away. He was stopped, however, and, in the scuffle, his jacket was torn.

Later, the defendant's basket was unlocked in R. O. Grimmitt's presence, the key being produced by the defendant. Inside was found the two rounds which formed the subject of the charge, and three letters, which, according to R. O. Grimmitt, had nothing to do with the case at this stage.

The hearing was fixed for Wednesday afternoon.

SALE OF WORK.**AT HELENA MAY INSTITUTE TO-DAY.**

St. Peter's Church and the Blind Home are jointly holding a sale of work at the Helena May Institute to-day.

The sale commenced this morning at 10 o'clock and will be closed at 6 p.m. There is a large assortment of pretty toys from Home to be disposed of, and those who are thinking of buying Christmas gifts for the "tiny tots" will do well to visit the Institute in the course of the day.

The Blind Home is confining its exhibits to woollies and children's clothing. There is a wide range of the former for children as well as for adults, and these also should prove to be reasonable gifts. The sale is under the charge of Mrs. G. W. R. Griggs.

The award of prizes in connexion with the Hongkong University Amateur Photographic Club's exhibition will be announced this evening, when Mr. W. W. Hornell will present the prizes to the successful competitors.

BAND CONCERT.**ANOTHER ENJOYABLE PROGRAMME.**

The second of the series of Sunday afternoon concerts by the band of the 2nd Battalion K.O.S.B., which took place in the Botanical Gardens yesterday, was greatly enjoyed by those attending. Variety and merit were the keynotes of the programme, which contained a number of selections from well-known operas. Especially appreciated were the "Tom Jones" numbers, whilst the Turkish Patrol was very effectively played. Musician H. Latimer's cornet solo, "The Lost Chord," was also warmly applauded.

Under the skilled conductorship of Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle, A.R.C.M., the band enhanced the high reputation which it has already established here. H.E. the Officer Administering the Government and party were amongst those present.

BANISHEE USES FALSE NAME.**CONVICTED ON EVIDENCE OF FINGER-PRINTS.**

Labouring under the belief that the use of a false name would not be detected, a Chinese who was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with returning from banishment, emphatically denied that he was ever deported from the Colony.

Sergeant Cargill produced the criminal records of the defendant's criminal career, showing that he was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for breach of the Opium Ordinance in 1926 and later banished for a period of five years under a different name to that which he now gave the Court.

The defendant strenuously denied that he had been banished after serving three months' hard labour. He said he was only sentenced to one month's imprisonment and that another man who was gaoled at the same time was the man banished. His Worship accepted the expert evidence of the officer in charge of finger-prints and registered a conviction.

Remarking that as the defendant was an opium addict he would not sentence him to a birching, his Worship passed sentence of twelve months' hard labour.

WEST POINT FIRE DAMAGE.**BIG TOTAL IN SATURDAY'S BLAZE.**

According to a police report, the total damage to goods and furniture involved in the fire at Connaught Road West on Saturday morning is \$88,000. The total insurance on the goods and furniture is stated to be \$71,000.

In addition to the above, the police report states that the houses involved are insured for \$62,120.

A later report contains the information that goods on the third floor of No. 138, Connaught Road West alone are insured for no less than \$22,000 and that the estimated damage by water at this flat is placed at \$4,000.

Saturday's return of the Medical Officer of Health contained 19 Chinese cases of small-pox, 16 of which were reported from Kowloon.



"Say Dad, I wouldn't pay that; come round and I'll show you where we can sneak in."

PRIVATE FORTUNES COMPANY.**UNUSUAL CONCERN MAKES APPLICATION TO COURT.****CAPITAL OF £1,000,000.**

A private company, Haffic Limited, with a capital of £1,000,000, started solely to invest the private fortunes of a family living in Australia, figured in the Supreme Court this morning when Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. R. A. Wadson of Messrs. Deacons, applied to the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) for the capital of the company to be reduced.

Mr. Sheldon said the object of the company was to invest the private fortunes of a family who were residing in Australia. Two members of the family wished to withdraw their shares and that was the reason for the desired reduction of capital.

His Lordship said it was rather curious, and remarked that he would like to hear some of the facts.

Mr. Sheldon referred his Lordship to the affidavits on the file and read them to the following effect. The company was incorporated in 1919 as a private company limited by shares and with a registered office at the Chartered Bank building. The capital was £1,000,000, divided into 1,000,000 shares of £1 each. The company had issued 350,000 of its shares and the sum of £1 per share had been paid up.

By a special resolution, passed and confirmed at extraordinary general meetings on September 5 and September 21, this year, the following resolution was decided upon: "That the capital of the company be reduced from £1,000,000 divided into 1,000,000 shares of £1 each, of which 350,000 shares have been issued, to £947,500 divided into 947,500 shares of £1 each, and that such reduction be effected by paying off £2,500 of the issued shares and by cancelling the shares in the company numbered 126,875 to 153,125 and 205,626 to 231,875."

The only creditors of the company were certain shareholders who had become creditors in respect of investments deposited with the company for management. The company's total liability investments amounted to £228,330.

Mr. Sheldon then referred to an affidavit sworn by Mr. William Dixon, No. 100, The Strand, Sydney, Australia, the chairman of the Directors, who stated in his affidavit that he had been a director of the company for upwards of nine years. After bearing out the facts already stated, the affidavit said that the two members withdrawing would be paid out partly by transferring to them a portion of the company's investments and partly by paying them a portion of the company's cash, in proportion to the number of shares held by them.

Mr. Sheldon stated that the two shareholders who were withdrawing were Mrs. Christian Rowe Thorncroft and Mrs. Marion Leigh Wells.

His Lordship asked what the name "Haffic" meant and if it was an official name.

Counsel replied that it meant the Hongkong and Australian Financial Investment Company.

His Lordship proceeded to examine papers on his file, and Mr. Sheldon asked if he should explain further particulars.

His Lordship said it was not necessary. He was really looking for his own curiosity.

His Lordship granted the application and directed that the words "And Reduced" be used for a period of a month.

KOCHOW AGAIN IN SERVICE.**GETS FULL PASSENGER CERTIFICATE.**

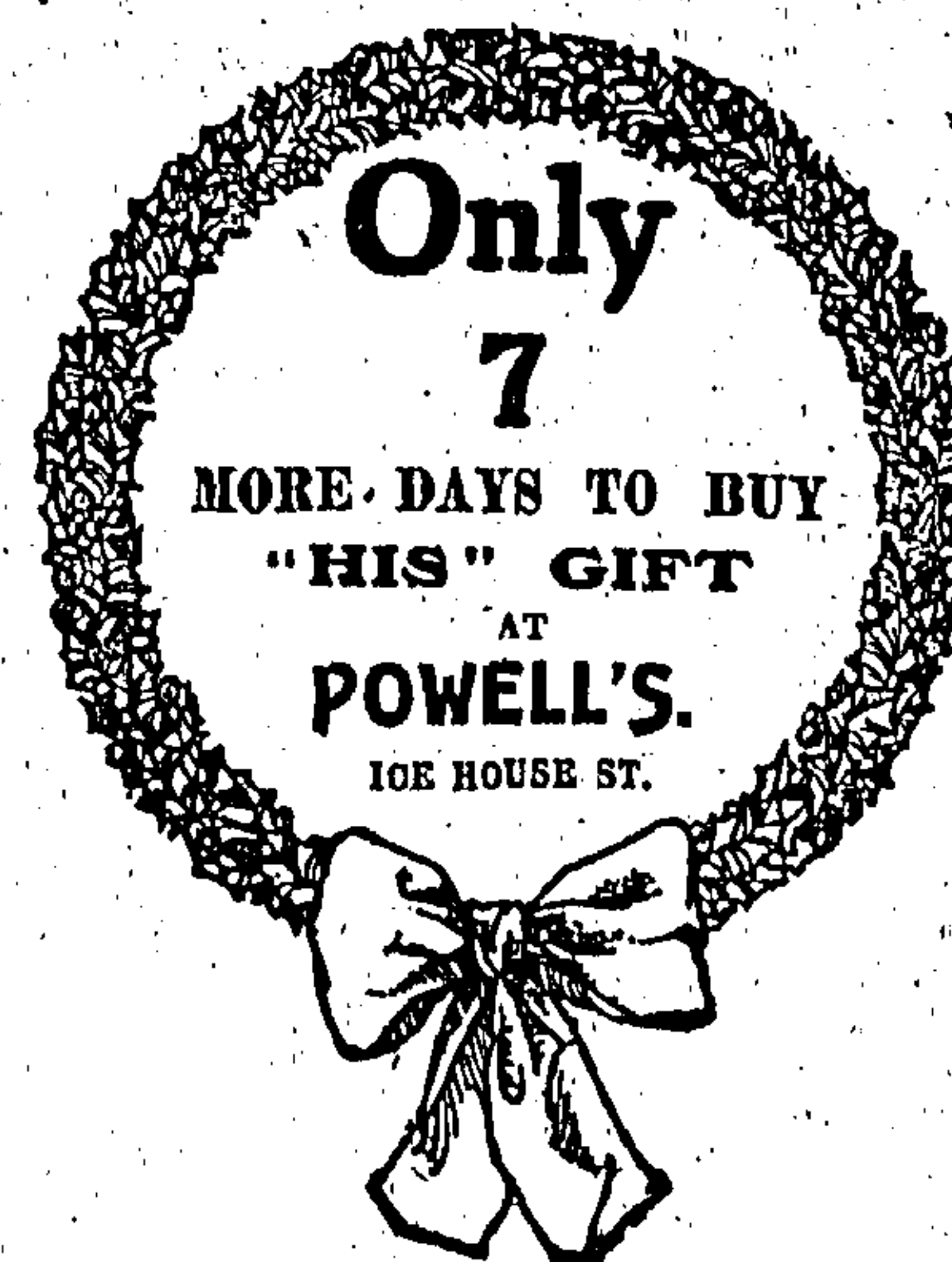
Another phase in the history of the s.s. Kochow commences to-day, when she resumes on the West River run with a full passenger certificate after plying for two months in cargo only, subsequent to her salvaging after stranding.

The vessel has been remastered and her registered tonnage assessed at 349, considerably more than previously, while her new ticket allows her to carry over 500 passengers, eight of whom are berthed in double cabins. The vessel will sail this evening at 5 o'clock for Wuchow.

Final examinations were made this morning by Government Marine Surveyors and boat, fire main and other drills were carried out, to the entire satisfaction of the authorities.

Running as a cargo vessel only, the ship has registered full freights on each trip and will again sail this evening with full holds. The granting of a passenger certificate will be celebrated by the usual display of fireworks and bunting when the Kochow leaves her wharf this evening.

The officers are: Captain Morgan, master; Mr. Becke, Chief Officer; Mr. Whyte, Chief Engineer.

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CHINESE FADE AWAY IN SECOND HALF.

ARMY'S BIG WIN IN LAI WAH CUP FINAL.

PLAYER ORDERED OFF.

[By "Wanderer."] Scoring four goals without reply, the Army won the Lai Wah Cup on Saturday before one of the biggest crowds of the season, at least 7,000 witnessing a game which was fast and thrilling in the first half, but scrappy in the second when the goals were scored.

The Chinese faded out of the picture after gaining a greater share of the play for 45 minutes, and were well beaten at the close. Two Kwai-sing was given marching orders for an untidy foul lost at home in the Senior League, while five junior games were duly decided.

The results were:

Lai Wah Cup Final.	
Army	4 Chinese
Senior League.	
Kowloon	0 Police
Junior League.	
Queen's Chinese Ath.	1 Eastern
Kowloon	1 S. China "A"
Navy Res.	1 Small Units
Recreo	0 St. Joseph's
	0 R.A. Res.

SECOND HALF GOALS.

Army Score Four, Against a Tired Team.

While the most thrilling incidents of the Lai Wah Cup final were crowded into the first half, all four of the goals were netted within a space of fifteen minutes, beginning with a surprise effort by Reeves 20 minutes after the resumption. All the best football had gone before, and the Chinese, who ended by being heavily defeated, had had the better of the play.

A boisterous wind was blowing down the ground, and with its aid, the Chinese pressed heavily, sufficiently so to have justified a two goal lead at half-time. The main factors in their failure to score were two; the wonderful anticipation of Martin at left back, and a lack of harmony among the Chinese forwards. By lack of harmony I don't necessarily mean lack of combination, though this also was involved. But they carried club rivalry to the extent that Fung King-cheong, of South China, did not have the whole-hearted cooperation of Suen Kam-shun, of Chinese Athletic, (as one example), with the result that he played with a heavy handicap.

Since Fung was the pivot of the line, responsible for holding it together, this was fatal, though for some time the half backs kept the forwards so well piled with accurate passes that the discord was hardly noticeable. Fung King-cheong was seldom, however, given the ball conveniently and it was small wonder that he missed several excellent chances which happened to come his way.

New Goalkeeper.

The responsibilities of Mott, the new Army goal-keeper, were, nevertheless, heavy enough in the first half. His unusual height enabled him to bring off many clever saves, and only once was he really beaten, and then a terrific shot by Lee Wal-koon struck the underside of the crossbar and rebounded into play. A second later the Chinese goal had a similarly miraculous escape, Pau turning the ball for a corner when a fast shot, by Stock, appeared to have him well beaten.

During this first half play was fast and furious, neither side easing for a moment. It was marked by skilful individualism and many well executed combined movements on both sides, though the Chinese settled down much sooner than the Army. The speedy kicking of the Army backs, and the capable manner in which Martin covered Hooper, and vice versa, served the Army well at the most critical period, while the halfbacks were consistently good throughout.

Second Half Felling Off.

A remarkable change came over the game in the second half, and

it was for the worse. The standard deteriorated in a striking degree, becoming scrappy and disjointed. The reason probably lies in the pace at which the first half was fought. The Chinese were the more tired of the two sides and it was soon evident that the Army halves were gaining a strong grip on the game, while coincidentally the opposing middle line were becoming more and more flurried.

The Army exerted strong pressure, but it took them twenty minutes to score the all-important goal and then it was rather lucky. A corner was forced; Reeves secured about ten yards out and shot into the net through a whole crowd of players, probably touching one or two en route. Three or four minutes later, Leach at last managed to get in his favourite left foot drive, and though the angle was acute Pau was hopelessly beaten. The Chinese rallied but could make little headway against Everest, Hill and Skiggs, now at the top of their form and within ten minutes Reeves decided the issue with a fine goal, the result of sheer pertinacity. This extraordinary player also had a large share in the last goal, Stock taking up the ball from a position from which it would have been difficult not to score.

Chinese Disorganised.

The Chinese were a badly disorganised team in the closing stages and apparently did not rely on the margin of defeat. Two Kwai-sing lost his head, and foul hit, not only dangerously, but with all the appearance of intent. Mr. Atkinson gave him no second chance, ordering him off the field. This marred a game which generally speaking was contested in good spirit, and none of the other players seemed to get really out of hand.

The Army thoroughly deserved their success. It was no small matter holding out in the first half, and their defence cannot be too highly praised. Martin was the best back on the field; he took the ball with head or foot with equal facility and though some time beaten by two in a tackle, stuck to him so persistently that the right Chinese winger certainly did not have one of his best days. Hooper was little inferior. The halfbacks were strong individually and as a line; Everest overshadowed his colleagues to some extent; indeed his grip on the Suen-Chan wing was one of the brightest features of the day's play.

It is not quite so easy to assess the forwards, partly owing to the curiosity of Reeves' performance. This powerfully built centre-forward is a distinct asset though one can never be sure what he is going to do next. Apart from reasonably good distribution of the ball in the first half he did practically nothing, except to look dangerous and to shoot wildly. After the interval he showed very real capabilities, getting plenty of boot behind the ball, placing himself correctly and forcing well on the backs. Both his goals were smartly taken, Reeves acting with a speed belying his bulk. Caldwell was not so prominent as usual and Cross was the better winger. Stock was both clever and energetic, while Leach completed an effective, if not an always entirely efficient line.

The Chinese were best served by Pau, Ng Kam-chuen, Leung Yuk-tong, Wong Shui-wa and Lee Wal-koon.

ONE GOAL DECIDES.

Police Win With Practically Last Shot of Match.

When everything pointed to a goalless draw reflecting the weakness of both forward lines, the Police in their League match against Kowloon took advantage of the only slip of Angus and netted the winning goal. It was scored with practically the last kick of the match, Angus failing to get hold of a shot by Johnson and presenting Fraser with the easiest of chances.

Prior to this neither side had shown any distinct likelihood of overcoming sound defences. Play was largely centred in midfield and at no time were exchanges particularly bright. Some good movements were initiated by Mc-Kelvie but Clark was well covered, and had a fairly comfortable afternoon. At the other end Angus was scarcely more busy though McGreevy, Fraser and Oram all had good shots kept out.

It was not a very inspiring game, but Kowloon scarcely deserved to lose both points, enjoy-

CANTON SPORTING EVENTS.

SHAMEEN DRAW HOCKEY WITH HONGKONG.

TENNIS & FOOTBALL.

An excellent game of hockey was witnessed at Shamene on Sunday morning between Shamene and Hongkong. Both teams should be complimented on their high level of play. The game was extraordinarily fast and evenly balanced throughout.

In the first half, A. T. Lay scored twice for Shamene, making the score 2 to nil in favour of Shamene at half-time.

Soon after resuming, T. J. Price scored for Hongkong and again within 90 seconds of time G. E. R. Divett scored with a beautifully placed shot from the edge of the circle, thus equalling.

Special mention should be made of the splendid game-played by both goal-keepers—Geo. Duncan for Shamene and W. K. Tait for Hongkong, both of whom made some magnificent saves. J. Rodger, F. E. W. Lammer and R. Rasmussen also played specially well for Shamene; whilst A. A. Dand and D. Lyon both played a fine game for Hongkong.

The teams were:

Shamene.—Geo. Duncan; J. Rodger (Captain), M. A. Annett; R. Rasmussen, F. E. W. Lammer, Folland; R. T. O. Lammer, Hill, A. T. Lay, A. E. Pritchard, and Hill-Walker.

Hongkong.—W. T. Tait; W. Woodward, Dr. Lyon; H. J. Remington, A. A. Dand (Captain), J. H. Plummer; F. E. G. Munn, E. D. Lawrence, T. J. Price, and G. E. R. Divett.

Tennis League Presentation.

A very large number of foreign and Chinese tennis enthusiasts gathered together on Saturday afternoon on the courts of the Canton Citizens' Athletic Association in the First Public Park on the occasion of the presentation by Madame Li Chai-sum of the B. A. T. Challenge Cup to the Lingnam C. (Faculty of the University) for the first place in the Canton Tennis League.

The ceremony opened with the customary three bows to the photo of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen and the reading of his will by Admiral Chan Chak, after which speeches were made in Chinese by Mr. W. G. Greene, the President of the Canton Tennis League, who made special allusion to the occasion and to the generosity of the British-American Tobacco Company (China) Limited, who so kindly presented the magnificent cup; by Mr. Chung Wing-kwong, the President of the Lingnam University, who made a very witty speech on the subject of tennis and out-of-door sports in general; and by Madame Li Chai-sum who then presented the cup to Mr. Ma Chi-huen, the Captain of the Lingnam C., and medals for the members of his team and for the team of the Canton Dragons, runners-up in the League.

This concluded the ceremony of the presentation and tea was then served to the visitors whilst exhibition matches were played between the Lingnam C. and the

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ing just as much of the play.

In the Junior League match on the Kowloon ground, Kowloon Reserves shared the points with Small Units, the score being 1-1. Two other games in the division ended in precisely the same way, while R.A. Reserves scored 6 against the Recreio, and Navy gained full points from St. Joseph's.

CHARITY FOOTBALL.

The Royal Navy to Play an Army Team.

The annual charity football match between The Royal Navy and The Army will be played on the Hongkong Football Club ground, Happy Valley, on Tuesday the 18th. Kick-off at 4 p.m.

The Army will field the team which defeated the Chinese in the final of the Lai Wah Cup Competition on Saturday.

By the kind permission of the officers commanding the Fleet and Drums of the 2nd Battalion, K.O.S.B., and the band of the 1st Battalion of the Beds. and Herts. Regiments will play from 3.15 p.m.

The proceeds of the match will be devoted to the Naval and Army charities. The match will have been kindly presented by the Hongkong Football Association and will be refereed by Mr. W. E. Hollands, the Honorary Secretary of the H.K.F.A. will referee.

Christmas Day Match.

The following have been selected to represent England against China in the Sunday Herald Charity Cup on Christmas Day.—Bills (Beds. and Herts.); Wyms (Police) and Hooper (Queen's); Everest (K.O.S.B.), Hill (Queen's); and Cantor (Queen's); Barkham (Tianjin), Stock (K.O.S.B.), Goldman (Club), Leach (E.A.) and Caldwell (Queen's) Reserves.—Baker (Tianjin), Hedley (Kowloon), Kemick (Tianjin), Reeves (K.O.S.B.) and Cross (Beds. and Herts.).

OPEN MIXED DOUBLES.

M. W. LO AND MISS LO WIN C.R.C. TOURNAMENT.

The final of the Open Mixed Doubles lawn tennis championship organised by the Chinese Recreation Club was played at Causeway Bay yesterday afternoon, between Miss Said Lo and M. W. Lo and Dr. and Mrs. Tottenham, the former pair winning in three sets.

The scores, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3, give a very good indication of the run of play, the contestants being very evenly matched. The slight superiority of the Lo pair was due not so much to more brilliant play as to the inconsistency of Dr. Tottenham, who on several occasions showed lack of confidence in his partner by trying to cover the entire court single-handed. He was beaten time and again by Miss Lo along the side line. Mrs. Tottenham gave her partner strong support.

Towards the latter stages of the game M. W. Lo was also inclined to monopolise the play, but he was able to return the ball safely on most occasions.

The outstanding player was Miss Said Lo, who was extremely brilliant at times and was constantly applauded for spectacular shots. She invariably beat Dr. Tottenham when he attempted to play a lone hand at the net. She was accurate with her returns and never failed to take advantage of any opening on the other side.

In reaching the final Miss Lo and M. W. Lo on Saturday defeated Mrs. Miles and H. Owen Hughes by 6-4, 6-0.

Dr. and Mrs. Tottenham played Leut. and Mrs. Hale in the semi-final, and won by 6-3, 6-2.

At the conclusion of the final match, the cups were presented to the successful competitors by Lady Chow, wife of the Hon. Sir Shou-shan Chow.

Rest (a combination of all the other teams entered in the League).

In the exhibition matches the Lingnam C. again triumphed and won four out of the five matches.

Messrs. A. R. Knip and Hoh Shui-kwong (Lingnam C.) defeated Messrs. Chan Chi-keung and Foo Wah-wan (Canton Dragons) 6/2, 6/3.

Messrs. Ma Chi-huen and S. P. Spencer (Lingnam C.) defeated Mr. G. W. Green (Green's Team) and Mr. C. E. Watson (Shamene A.) 6/0, 6/5.

Mr. Ma Chi-huen (Lingnam C.) defeated Mr. K. Iwasaki (Japanese A.) 6/3, 6/2.

Mr. P. Spencer (Lingnam C.) defeated Mr. Yamawaki (Japanese A.) 6/1, 6/2.

Mr. H. Chen-man (Canton Dragons) defeated Mr. Hoh Shui-kwong (Lingnam C.) 6/5, 6/3.

Mrs. C. E. Watson and Miss E. L. V. Hogg have reached the finals in the Ladies' Championship Singles of the Shamene Tennis Club.

In the semi-finals, Mrs. Watson defeated Miss Kemble 6-4, 6-3; and Miss Hogg defeated Mrs. Brownwald 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

The following have reached the semi-finals in the Men's Championship Singles—C. E. Watson by defeating V. E. C. Ferrier 6/2, 6/2, 6/4; J. Mareschall by defeating M. A. Annett 6/0, 6/4, 6/0; A. T. Lay by defeating J. C. H. Bonbright 8/6, 6/2, 4/6, 6/2; F. E. W. Lammer by defeating J. W. Platt 1/6, 6/3, 6/4.

The following have reached the semi-finals in the Men's Handicap Singles—F. Gandossel (—1/80) by defeating W. F. Gilman (—1/16) 6/3, 6/4; W. F. Gilman (—1/30) by defeating R. Wolcott (—80) 7/6, 3/6, 6/3; Geo. Duncan (—1/200) by defeating J. H. M. Andrew (—15) 6/4, 6/2; C. E. Watson (—40) by defeating R. N. Bjuke (—1/16) 6/1, 6/1.

Shamene Football League.

The Club Lusitano furnished a great surprise for everyone by drawing on Friday afternoon in their match against H.M.S. Seamen in the Shamene Football League. In fact, H.M.S. Seamen very nearly dropped both points, as the Club Lusitano were leading by one goal to nil up to the last quarter of an hour.

There is no doubt about it the Club Lusitano have improved their game tremendously since the beginning of the season; on the other hand, it must be said that H.M.S. Seamen were still suffering from the effects of their very strenuous match against the Shamene Sports Club, so much so that three of their regular team were unable to put in an appearance.

However, the Club Lusitano played a fine game and the Seamen had all they could do to equal up, though really the Portuguese custodian should have saved the equalling goal which was quite a simple one considering that he had previously made several very fine saves. The teams were as follows:

Club Lusitano:—A. Regnier; H. Prata, A. Rakek; A. Locke, J. Mentallo; D. Packwood; M. Remedios R. La Salla, A. Pazind, F. M. Ozorio and S. S. Seguiras.

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About a hundred members of the Sports Club were present when His Excellency arrived with his A.D.C. (Captain A. J. L. Whyte). His Excellency was welcomed by Mr. Ho Leung and by Mr. H. H. Priestley, Mr. T. N. Chau, and Mr. P. Tester, (members of the General Committee) and Mr. H. C. Lee (Hon. Secretary).

The National Anthem having been played by an orchestra, His Excellency was conducted to the far end of the lounge where Mr. Ho Leung delivered the following speech:

Your Excellency and Gentlemen,—In the absence of Mr. H. P. White, the chairman of the Club, it becomes a very pleasant duty, as vice-chairman to welcome you all to the premises of the Sports Club. In so doing, I must, on behalf of the committee, express our sincere appreciation of the encouraging and sometimes argumentative spirit. Where one can drop in casually and yarn with one's fellow-members without any formality of appointment, and this free and easy style must foster the truly friendly spirit we so much want to see. The Club devoted to sporting matters immediately introduces a common topic of discussion, and no matter what nationality a member may be, he will, I have no doubt, be bound at times to want to air his views on what will win the Derby or who will win the Test Match. Therefore, Gentlemen, we have several ready-made topics of discussion instead of having to sit down in a nervous manner on the extreme edge of a chair and attempt to make conversation regarding what the weather is likely to be, but so as the name of this Club should not be misunderstood, I want to explain what is exactly meant by the Sports Club.

The object of the Club, as you all know, is to have a common meeting place where Chinese and non-Chinese are able to get together, not in a stiff official manner, but in a truly friendly and sometimes argumentative spirit. Where one can drop in casually and yarn with one's fellow-members without any formality of appointment, and this free and easy style must foster the truly friendly spirit we so much want to see. The Club devoted to sporting matters immediately introduces a common topic of discussion, and no matter what nationality a member may be, he will, I have no doubt, be bound at times to want to air his views on what will win the Derby or who will win the Test Match. Therefore, Gentlemen, we have several ready-made topics of discussion instead of having to sit down in a nervous manner on the extreme edge of a chair and attempt to make conversation regarding what the weather is likely to be, but so as the name of this Club should not be misunderstood, I want to explain what is exactly meant by the Sports Club.

All Sports. Every member of this Club will be known as a sport. Of course, the word "sport" is used in many ways. The expression is used in connection with sporting dogs, sporting girls and similar sporting phrases, but the idea meant by the word "sport" in this Club's name is "He took his defeat like a sportsman." (Hear, Hear.) That is the sporting feeling that must rule in this Club. The Chinese name of the Club is Wu Ling Hui, but means Club and Wu is for the benefit of the non-Chinese members who have not yet arrived at the necessary proficiency in any of the useful word of two letters, namely, Ng. Even if we could all say this, people in other parts of the world, I am sure, would have difficulty; therefore, it was decided to change it for the Mandarin pronunciation, which means the same thing as Ng, namely Five.

All Cavaliers. Many, many years ago, I believe even before very much was known about England, there was a certain part of China known as Wu Ling. In this district every man was a cavalier, every man had the true sporting spirit, and every man was kind to his neighbour and treated all men equally. Consequently as time went on people all over China wanted to be known as Wu Ling men. No higher compliment could be paid. I am indebted to certain members for this interesting information regarding ancient Chinese history, but I think you will agree that it is a happy thought to take the name of the Chinese equivalent of the Sports Club and thus indicate exactly what we want to be understood when we call this Club the Sports Club.

I trust that the Sports Club will be the means of establishing true and lasting friendship between the Chinese and non-Chinese residents of the Colony.

I must conclude by again thanking His Excellency for his kindness in officiating to-day, and would ask you to give three cheers.

The applause that followed was accompanied by a tiger.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH.

Breaking Down the Water-tight Compartments.

In reply, His Excellency said: Mr. Ho Leung and Gentlemen,—I thank you for the warm welcome you have given me on this occasion. The idea of an International Club, where men and later on, I hope, women of all communities can meet on common ground as fellow members of the same Club, is one in which Sir

REPORT DENIED.

FINNISH RUNNER TO REMAIN AMATEUR.

New York, Dec. 16. It was reported early this month that Paavo Nurmi, the Finnish runner, had decided to turn professional and had entered into a year's contract with the T. H. Rickard. Nurmi denies this. He admits that he expects to make several appearances on indoor tracks. —Reuter's American Service.

Cecil Clementi took a very great interest and for that reason I much regret that he could not be here to-day to see the first fruits of the seed he himself sowed.

Now, Gentlemen, I sympathise fully with those who feel that they are entitled to have their own national clubs where, far distant from their own homes, they can reproduce something of the atmosphere of their native lands; but I sympathise equally with those who feel that they even more so must break down the barriers whereby the different races segregate themselves into separate water-tight compartments. We are but a small community living in a somewhat restricted area, and if we are to achieve that harmony without which the fullest enjoyment of life is impossible, we must get to know one another better, and we must be able to find out and to appreciate one another's points of view.

Common Bond.

In this respect I feel that there has been something lacking in the life of Hongkong. It has been very difficult to find a common meeting ground, and I congratulate the originators of this Club on the pioneer work which this Club represents. The varied forms of sport in which all communities take part and in which the Chinese have shown themselves so remarkably proficient do form a common bond which can just lead to deeper knowledge and closer friendship; and so I think the promoters have rightly looked to the sporting spirit in its best sense to provide the cement which will keep the centrifugal elements of the Club together. I rejoice to see that the promoters have already broadened the foundations of the Club by including within its purview sports other than the Sport of Kings. Racing has after all but a limited clientele in Hongkong, and we want something wider than that.

International Garden Club.

We want this to be a Club which all sportsmen may wish to join—whether their sports are golf or polo or tennis or cricket or football, and we are not sure that we ought to exclude even spilkinks, provided the game be played in true sporting spirit, and I hope that, as has been suggested to me, there may spring from this Club that wider and still more useful scheme of an International Garden Club, where the different communities, both men and women, may find room not only to discuss but also to play their games together, for I know nothing which will do more to bring the different races of this cosmopolitan colony closer together than the opportunity of meeting together in the friendly rivalry of sport.

Gentlemen, I declare the Club open, and wish it every success.

The toast of "Success to the Sports Club of Hongkong," was drunk with much enthusiasm. The formal side of the opening being over, the members relaxed, and it was fitting that the game to go down in the Club's history as being the first played should be one of "spilkinks" between His Excellency and the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes.

Amongst those present were the Hon. Sir Shou-shan Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kowall, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. P. F. Bell, Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. E. Ralphs, Mr. J. P. Bragg, Mr. M. K. Lo, and others.

Club Fees.

The Articles of Constitution of the new Club, in the main, state that the Club is to be placed under the management of an equal number of Chinese and non-Chinese voting members. Original voting members have donated a sum of \$250 towards the cause of furnishing and fitting up of the Club in suitable style, and further, as voting members, they have also paid an entrance fee of \$50 each.

Ordinary members will pay an entrance fee of \$20 each. The monthly subscription for voting and ordinary members is to be \$7.

The difference between a voting member and an ordinary member is that the ordinary member will have no voice in the management of the Club, but apart from this he enjoys exactly the same privileges as a voting member. Absent members will pay a fee of \$5 per year.

The Committee.

The first Chairman of the new Club is Mr. H. P. White and its first Vice-Chairman, Mr. Ho Leung. Mr. H. C. Lee is the Hon. Secretary, the other members of the Committee being Messrs. H. N. Priestley, P. Tester and T. N. Chau.

About 150 residents have enrolled as members, slightly more than half of this number being non-Chinese. Twelve of these members will act with the Committee members as a Balloting Committee.

H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, Bart., K.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L. (Commander-in-Chief, China Station) has accepted an invitation to become an honorary member of the Club.

H.E. the Governor of Macao (Senhor Artur Tamagnini de Sousa Barbosa) wrote regretting, his inability to be present on Saturday and sent his good wishes for the success of "such a deserving institution as the Sports Club of Hongkong." Cables from friends in Macao were also received.

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HOME FOOTBALL.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

The results of Saturday's Home football, as cabled by Reuter, are:

Division I.

Aston Villa	Manchester C.	2
Burnley	0	2
Bury	Birmingham	1
Cardiff	1	1
Leeds	1	1
Liverpool	1	1
Manchester U.	1	1
Newcastle	0	1
Sheffield U.	3	0
West Ham	3	0
Wolves	1	0

*Postponed on account of fog.

Division II.

Hull	1	1
Middlesbrough	1	1
Millwall	1	1
Notts. County	1	1
Oldham	1	1
Port Vale	1	1
Preston N.E.	1	1
Reading	1	1
Southampton	1	1
Tottenham	1	1
Wolves	1	1

*Abandoned ten minutes before time.

Division III (South).

Crystal Palace	1	1
Exeter	1	1
Gillingham	1	1
Newport	1	1
Plymouth	1	1
Queen's P.R.	1	1
Swindon	1	1
Torquay	1	1
Walsall	1	1
Watford	1	1

Division III (North).

Accrington	1	1
Bradford C.	1	1
Carlisle	1	1
Crawley	1	1
Hull	1	1
Hartlepool	1	1
Lincoln	1	1
Rotherham	1	1
Stockport	1	1
Tranmere	1	1
Wigan	1	1

Scottish League.

Aberdeen	1	1
Aldershot	1	1
Arbroath	1	1
Barnsley	1	1
Birmingham	1	1
Bristol	1	1
Burnley	1	1
Cardiff	1	1
Chelsea	1	1
Derby	1	1
Exeter	1	1
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Wigan	1	1

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The official termination of the
season's lawn bowls activities of the
Kowloon Bowling Green Club was
marked by a very enjoyable function
on Saturday when the committee and
members were "At Home" to visitors
from other local bowling clubs.

There was a large number of
friends who took advantage of the in-
vitation of the committee, including
many ladies who figured prominently
in the festivities. During the after-
noon a tennis tournament for ladies
was held on the Club's courts, while
the tea arrangements were admirably
supervised by the ladies.

At the conclusion of the after-
noon's sport, Mr. B. Wylie addressing
the gathering said:
"Ladies and gentlemen. Officially
we have come to the close of our
season, although as everyone is per-
fectly aware, the date set is one
which is purely arbitrary, for so far
as sport in this Club is concerned, it
is like Tennyson's brook—it goes on
for ever."

To deal first of all with our bowling
activities. "So far as our play in the
first and second divisions of the
League is concerned, I feel it is only
proper that I should congratulate
both teams on managing to keep
within their respective Leagues.
That may sound somewhat anticlimatic
and perhaps a little harsh on an
occasion such as this, but I think we
must be honest with ourselves and
agree that, so far as the League is
concerned, we have not done too well.
Just exactly why, I am at a loss to
explain. We have a good Selection
Committee, and a large number of
excellent bowlers, but somehow we
never seem to make much of a show
in the League. Perhaps if we were
not members of the pioneer bowling
club of the Colony; perhaps if
we had, for instance, to struggle out
of one League into another, or had
some such other incentive, we would
gird up our loins and show them
"how."

Teaching of Bowlers.

But as a Club it is perhaps as well
not to be seriously exercised in our
mind as to the position we hold in the
League. What we are most con-
cerned with is that every member
who joins this Club should learn how
to play bowls. And I think in this
regard we can take unctious to our
soul and say that perhaps no other
Bowling Club in the Colony has
taught and trained and turned loose
so many bowlers as this Club has.

This brings me to our Club Com-
petitions. This year, as usual, we
have had a very large number of
entries and although the weather may
exercise the Water Authority, it has
been most favourable to our pur-
pose, and has contributed no little to
the success of the competitions as a
whole.

The Champion Bowler of the Club
this year is our friend Mr. J. Gibson,
who, although a truant in League
matches, is an old and valued player,
and always willing to give encourag-
ing assistance to our younger mem-
bers.

Already much has been said con-
cerning Hongkong's Interport win
over Shanghai, but I think it only
fitting on an occasion such as this
to congratulate Mr. A. M. Holland, a
member of this Club, on being chosen
as Captain of the Hongkong players,
and upon skipping the Hongkong rink
to victory. It gives me additional
pleasure to announce that Mr. Holland
has won the President's prize of this
Club this year. Mention must also
be made to the No. 3 of the Interport
Team, also one of our members. I
refer to Mr. J. C. Brown, the quality
of whose play was invaluable on that
historic occasion.

The Vice-President's prize has been
won by Mr. W. MacFarlane, an old
past prize-winner of this Club.
The Non-Prize Winners' Prize goes
this year to Mr. Hogbin one of our
most promising bowlers.

O. A. G.'s Enthusiasm.

We have also had a most interest-
ing series of Tennis Competitions.
Time does not permit of individual
mention, but I am assured that the
various games have been fought out
with keen rivalry and enthusiasm.

During the year under review we
had the honour and privilege of play-
ing a bowls match with a Government
House team of which H. E. the Officer
Administering the Government was a
member. I would like to take this
opportunity of congratulating His
Excellency on taking up bowls so
enthusiastically and by his example
doing much to popularise the game
in the Colony.

At this stage I have an interesting
announcement to make. As you all
know, this year the far bowling green
has been re-laid and a new tennis
court has been opened on the lower
level. The condition of the near bow-
ling green has excelled the minds of
the General Committee throughout the
year, and after much deliberation it
has been decided that early in the
new year this green will be taken up
and entirely re-laid. In passing, I
would mention that the green in
question is some 27 years old and,
while it may be a matter of regret to
many old bowlers of the Club that
this step should be taken, I can assure
them that the work has become neces-
sary by reason of wear and worms.

Green to be Closed.

The position next spring and sum-
mer will then be that we shall have
only one green—comparatively newly
laid—available for play, and playing
members are asked to show this green
every consideration in view of the
heavy strain which will be imposed
upon it. With this end in view, the
far green will be closed entirely until
the spring of next year, except on oc-
casional Saturdays, this rest being in
order to preserve it during the dry
season and thus make it better able to
stand the strain of next summer. I
would also add that the Green Com-
mittee propose in the near future to

LOCAL GOLF.

STEWART & HOLLIS IN THE
R.H.K.G.C. FINAL.

Owing to D. B. C. Martin meeting
with an accident during the week
when playing hockey, he was unable
to meet H. H. Hollis in the final of
the Royal Hongkong Golf Club
championship yesterday and was forced
to concede a walk-over.

In the other semi-final, A. B. Ste-
wart, who has won the championship
more times than any other player,
beat D. G. G. MacDonald by 5 and 3.
Stewart played very steadily through-
out, but his opponent was erratic,
allowing a good many drives and
missing a number of approaches.

Stewart, who was out in 39, won
the first two holes, but the third went
to MacDonald. After that, it was
fairly even going to the turn, with
Stewart showing the better form.
Occasionally he got into trouble, but
he made some brilliant recoveries. He
turned two up and might easily have
made it three. He missed a foot putt
at the ninth. The ball lipped the
hole but failed to drop.

After that, Stewart easily held his
opponent, and at the fourteenth, which
he won in bogey, he became dormie
four. At this hole MacDonald had
a fine chance to reduce the lead.
He was well up towards the green
with his drive, with Stewart in the
rough, but he made a poor mashie ap-
proach, which, coupled with indif-
ferent putting, cost him the hole.

The end came at the fifteenth,
where Stewart had slightly the better
of two good drives. Both were in
close proximity to the green with
their second, but Stewart showed the
better judgment with his approach and
went down in one under bogey to
win the match by 5 and 3.

Kowloon Championship.

F. E. Remedios yesterday once
again proved himself to be the most
brilliant player in the Kowloon Golf
Club, when the Club's championship
final was played.

He has been Champion on several
occasions, and yesterday retained the
title, very easily defeating J. Mc-
Knight.

The match was arranged over 80
holes, but Remedios won 11 up and
9 to play.

plant a new hedge along the Austin
Road boundary of the Club premises,
thus adding to the beauty of the Club
grounds."

Prize Distribution.

The President then requested Mrs.
Wylie to distribute the prizes gained
during the season, the complete list
being as follows:

Club Championship Cup.—1, J.
Gibson; 2, S. Gray; 3, J. McKelvie.
President's Competition.—1, A. M.
Holland; 2, S. Gray; 3, C. Atkinson.
Vice-President's Competition.—1,
W. MacFarlane; 2, A. M. Holland.
Non-Prize Winners' Competition.—
1, E. W. L. Hogbin; 2, P. Young-
husband.

Handicap Singles.—1, J. C. Brown;
2, W. Bell; 3, E. W. L. Hogbin.
Handicap Doubles.—1, A. M. Hol-
land and D. Muir; 2, J. Gibson and R.
Lapalay.

Link Competition.—1, L. Guy; 2,
T. Magill; 3, Rev. J. H. Johnstone; 4,
Major White.

Tennis.

Gents. Singles Championship.—1,
Wilson Brown; 2, F. Goodman.
Gents. Singles Handicap.—1, Wilson
Brown; 2, T. Ferguson.

Ladies' Singles Handicap.—1, Mrs.
McCaw; 2, Mrs. Cuthill.

Gents. Doubles Handicap.—1, C.
Stewart and F. Cleme; 2, W. E. Hale
and W. White.

Ladies' Doubles Handicap.—1, Mrs.
Cuthill and Mrs. Hester; 2, Mrs. Hed-
ley and Mrs. Purlow.

Mixed Doubles Handicap.—1, Wil-
son Brown and Mrs. McCaw; 2, C. F.
Stewart and Mrs. Purlow.

Spoons were also given to members
of the winning rinks during the after-
noon, and little Miss Joan Holland
presented Mrs. Wylie with a bouquet,
on behalf of the Club.

The Vice-President, Mr. D. F. War-
ren, in a happy speech thanked the
donors of the various prizes and com-
mented on the attendance of so large
and representative a gathering. He
also proposed a vote of thanks to the
ladies, under the patronage of Mrs.
Harvey, who had so charmingly at-
tended to the tea during the after-
noon. Mr. Warren thanked the Club
on behalf of Mrs. Wylie for present-
ing her with such a beautiful bouquet.

Mr. Warren then asked the com-
pany to join in three cheers and a
"tiger" for Mrs. Wylie.

The Afternoon's Results.

The results of the afternoon's play
were:

Bowling Green Kowloon Dock
Hogbin Atkinson
Drake Ferguson
Farrell Goodman
Holland 12 Brown 20

Bowling Green Kowloon C.C.
Nish Burford
McLachlan Howe
Magill Hyde Lay
Bowling Green Club de Merce
Purton Sousa
Warren Gutierrez

A. MacFarlane Alves 13
W. MacFarlane 12 Luz 13
Russell 11 Gibson 20

White Brown
Johnstone Cuff
Eccleshall 18 Hatt 10

Stonham Ripley
Chambers Campbell
McIntosh 21 Youngusband 18
Brasch Bell
Bond Watson
Thompson Tachli
Guy 12 Muir 24

SATURDAY'S LOCAL CRICKET.

JUNIOR LEAGUE MATCHES
DRAWN.

There were only two League
matches played on Saturday, both
being in the junior division. The
leaders, the Indian R. C., and the
strong Kowloon C. C. eleven, were
both engaged and found the limited
time at their disposal too great
a handicap.

The Indian R.C. had had luck in
not taking full points from the
Royal Army Service Corps at Sook-
kumpo, the match ending in a draw
in favour of the League leaders,
who, batting first, knocked up 126
runs. Madar contributed 55. The
Servicemen had scored only 73 for the
loss of eight wickets when falling
light put a stop to further play.

KOWLOON CHECKED.

Still Unbeaten But Lose Two
Points to Recreation.

On the Kowloon C.C. ground, the
home team entertained the Recreation,
the match ending in a draw. The
Portuguese players were able to collect
168 before losing their last wicket.
Alves was top scorer with a valuable
62. When stumps were drawn, the
hosts, after an indifferent start, had
scored 88 for five wickets. Lee made
35 not out.

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

Goodwin Performs The "Hat
Trick" At Pokfulam.

A team selected from among the
League clubs journeyed to Pokfulam
where they engaged the Past and
Present of the University. The
strong combined eleven of League
players had little difficulty in winning.
F. Goodwin was the star performer
with the ball.

The combined League team went to
the wickets first and the innings
realised the score of 165 runs for the
loss of only two wickets. W. C. Hung
was top scorer with 66 not out,
while Fincher made 34 and Bruce 27.
The hosts were all dismissed for 98
runs, Goodwin taking five wickets for
21 runs, including the "hat trick."

COLTS AND VETERANS.

A Domestic Match on Hongkong
C. C. Ground.

Youth had a slight advantage over
Age on the Hongkong C.C. ground
where a team of members under 30
years of age met an eleven composed
of older men. The match ended in
a draw but the honours were more in
favour of the younger men than their
more experienced opponents.

The younger team put up 153 runs,
but failed to dismiss their elders,
who at the close of play had only
made 117 with two wickets in hand.
For the "Under 30" team Stanlon
(45), Armstrong (30 not out) and
Parker (30) were the main scorers,
while Hayward and Pearce made 69
between them for the "Over 30"
eleven.

SLOW SCORING.

Navy and Kowloon C.C. Play
A Drawn Game.

The match between Kowloon and
the Navy, played on the Navy ground
was rather slow, the home team only
scoring 123 runs when time forced a
declaration. The visitors could do no
better than 86 runs before stumps
were drawn. The Kowloon players
had to call upon some of their re-
serves as three of their regulars were
engaged on the University ground.

Abelson and Baker made most of
the runs for the Navy, the former
reaching the half century before
being sent back to the pavilion.
Ross took four wickets for 20 runs.
For Kowloon, Hall was dismissed
after scoring 25. Ballson took four
of the five wickets for 12 runs.
The game was drawn.

Craigengower v Artillery.

These two teams met at Happy
Valley, the visitors winning by two
wickets. The hosts batted first and
made 110 (Kitchell 28) while the
Royal Artillery replied with 126 for
eight wickets (Mason 47). Bennett
(R.A.) and Omar (Craigengower)
each took four wickets for 40 runs.

Civil Service v K.O.S.B.

A wonderful bowling performance
by Ling enabled the Civil Service C.C.
to beat the K.O.S. Borderers by 110
runs, at Happy Valley. With 167
runs on the board, the hosts declared
their innings closed with 6 wickets
down. De Roma was responsible for
50 runs. None of the military players
reached double figures, the innings
producing 47 runs. Ling took seven
wickets for 15 runs and Baker two
for 7.

Engineers v Police.

The match between these two
teams was rather close, the decision
going to the Sappers by 11 runs.
The Police scored 80 runs (Hindle
20) and the Royal Engineers 101.
Roberts 23 and Waters 22). Lacey
took seven wickets for the Police for
40 runs.

Hongkong Electric v Craigengower.

The Hongkong Electric had their
vengeance for their League defeat at

PNEUMONIA COLDS.

TO ESCAPE LUNG TROUBLE,
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According to recent health statis-
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J	A	I	L

1—The idea of letter golf is to
change one word to another and
do it in part, a given number of
strokes. Thus to change COW to
HEN, in three strokes, COW,
HOW HEW HEN.

2—You can change only one
letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete
word, of common usage, for each
jump. Slang words and abbrevia-
tions don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be
changed.
One solution is printed on an-
other page.

the hands of the Craigengower by
defeating their opponents by 22 runs
in a low scoring match. The visitors
dismissed their hosts for 87 but failed
to reach this total, their innings
realising only 65 runs. Deacon made
26 runs for the home team, and Banks
took six Craigengower wickets for 81
runs.

THE "HAT TRICK."

Bowler Presented With a
Souvenir Ball.

There was a pleasing function at
the conclusion of the friendly cricket
match between the Hongkong Electric
R.C. and the Craigengower Cricket
Club on Saturday, when Mr. J. C.
Fletcher of the visiting team, was the
recipient of a souvenir in memory of
the "hat trick" he performed against
the Hongkong Electric last month.

It will be recalled that on November
10 the Craigengower second eleven
entertained the Hongkong Electric
R.C. in a League match. J. C. Fletcher
was the most consistent bowler
for the home team, and took five
wickets for 23 runs, including the "hat
trick."

On Saturday, Mr. J. R. Way, the
captain of the Hongkong Electric
team, presented Mr. Fletcher with the
ball with which he took his three suc-
cessive wickets, with a small gold
shield bearing an inscription affixed
thereto. Mr. Way congratulated the
recipient, who suitably replied.

YESTERDAY'S MATCH.

Mr. Rumfahn's Team v.
Volunteers Second Eleven.

On the I.R.C. ground at Sookumpo
yesterday, a team captained by Mr.
A. H. Rumfahn defeated the Volun-
teers 2nd XI by four wickets.

Taking first knock, the Volunteers,
with two men short, compiled 117, of
which Mackay contributed 24 and
Davies 20. Hanson was the most
successful bowler for the other side,
taking 2 wickets for 25 runs, while
Minn took 2 for 27, and Madar 1 for 4.

Mr. Rumfahn's team passed the
Volunteers' total with four wickets in
hand, Madar being top scorer with
48 and Anderson next with 24. First
for the Volunteers, captured 8
wickets, conceding 83 runs, while Reid
took 5 wickets for 89.

A FIRST NOVEL!

WHIRLWIND

By Eleanor Early.

CHAPTER XXXVII.

Mr. Peterson beat a gentle tattoo with his spectacles on the bridge of his nose.

"M-m-m," he said. "A most unusual case. And the defendant, living in New Haven, is ignorant of the birth of a child? You have no mutual friends—no acquaintances? The situation is almost incomprehensible."

"You realize, of course, that it will be necessary to apprise your husband of the existence of a child? You wish complete custody. Separate support, perhaps?"

"No—no," Sybil interrupted eagerly. "I don't want any money at all. Only Teddy. I don't even care about my freedom, except for Teddy's sake. I only want the right to my own name, and the right for my child to be known as Edward Thorne."

"He is called," she told the crusty old lawyer simply, "for my father. I should like to perpetuate his memory through my son. There are Thorne traditions—Thorne pride. It would be idiotic for my son to carry on for the Eastises. He means nothing to them, nor they to him."

Mr. Peterson smiled. "Jurisdiction," he informed her, "recognize no sentimentality. The child's father has a legal right to dispute your fitness as guardian of his minor son. He can, if he chooses, ring various unpleasant allegations. He can contest your suit for divorce, and defend himself publicly against your charges."

"However, judging from the circumstances of the—er—romance, I think we need anticipate no trouble from the young man. You are quite sure, madam, that you have omitted no important detail of your marital life? You have not seen your husband in the last 21 months? Not since you left him in Havana?"

Sybil hesitated.

"Yes, I have—once. I didn't think it necessary to tell you. It was for only a few minutes. I—I surprised him. It was in a public place. In New Haven—at a road-house. He was with another woman."

"You talked with him?"

"Yes."

"And what was the nature of that conversation?"

"I—upbraided him. He was with a girl I knew. They were planning to elope."

"How did you know they were planning to elope?"

"Oh, I know they were."

"And you know the woman? We might subpoena her. Had you witnesses to the affair? And what are this woman's feelings toward you at this time?"

Sybil threw out her hands.

"Oh, Mr. Peterson—you don't understand. I shouldn't have mentioned it. I couldn't possibly drag anyone into this—particularly this—this lady."

"Who is she, madam? And what have been her relations with your husband? Has there been an open liaison?"

Hideous question! Horrible man! Sybil shuddered.

"Really, Mr. Peterson, I must decline to answer. It seems hardly necessary."

The old man smiled patiently. "My dear young woman, it is most necessary," he explained indulgently. "Surely you do not think I am vulgarly curious. I am a man old enough to be your father. You have come to me, presumably, because you trust me, and wish me to help you. You must be absolutely frank with me. If you wish to withhold certain facts, I must decline to accept the case."

Mr. Peterson peered through tortoise-shell glasses at his finger nails, and, for the space of 60 seconds, while he appraised them thoroughly, he could have heard a "in" drop. Then Sybil broke the throbbing silence.

"I beg your pardon," she said. "Let me begin at the beginning, and tell you everything. Then you will understand how absolutely impossible it is to bring the charge you have in mind."

Gravely he heard her out. And when she had finished, she concluded hopefully—"And now you see why I want so fearfully to get the divorce on some respectable ground—Incompatibility, or something like that."

Mr. Peterson inclined his head. "That would be nice," he conceded with grim humour, "only in Massachusetts we don't do things that way. There are seven grounds for divorce in this state. Most of them ugly. Incompatibility is not one of them. Non-support is what you might call the most respectable. In your case we might fall back on 'gross and confirmed habits of intoxication, or cruel and abusive treatment.'"

"On the other hand, your husband might bring a counter-

charge, alleging desertion. He might even allege cruel and abusive treatment. You left him, you see, sick and alone, in Havana."

"But, Mr. Peterson, he was drunk!"

"He might produce evidence to the contrary. Tropical malaria, he might call it. Affidavits from Cuban doctors, hotel clerks—it could be arranged."

"But I have witnesses—the Moores."

"M-m—yes. Well, we'll see. I shall prepare the papers for service immediately. The case will be listed with others on the divorce docket. We must wait until it is called. The law moves slowly. I doubt if we can get heard before the September session."

Sybil clasped her hands nervously, remembering Tad's dire predictions.

"There won't be any publicity, Mr. Peterson?" she inquired.

"That, he told her gravely, 'is something we never can tell. If we can arrange for an uncontested action, probably not. If Mr. Eastis contests, I should say there would probably be a great deal of it. Headlines, you know, and pictures. And all sorts of innuendoes and inferences."

"The American public loves scandal. Divorces produce vicarious joy. However, let us not be apprehensive. Once you make up your mind to do a thing, there's no good vacillating. You're going through—or you're not. The decision is your own."

Sybil squared her shoulders.

"I'm going through," she said, and placed her hand in his.

When she had gone, the old lawyer rang for the junior member of the firm, and ranted harshly:

"What's the young generation coming to? Answer me that, if you can! The follies of innocence, license and immorality. You're all going to the dogs. You've gone crazy—crazy as loons. Such carryings-on! Little girls and married women. Flask-sucking lizards. I don't know what the world's coming to. You're going to the devil."

The irascible Mr. Peterson paused for breath.

"The junior member smiled.

"Yes sir," he conceded good-naturedly. "I suppose we are. You old fogies are to blame for it."

The summer was full of conferences. Richard wanted to see Sybil. First one emissary and then another pleaded his cause.

They hinted at possible reconciliation, and a settlement out of court. Defiance followed on the heels of conciliation. There were veiled threats. If Richard had a child, then, by the Lord Harry, he proposed to see him. Panic-stricken, Sybil refused to let Teddy from her sight.

Richard's lawyer, a smooth young man with a face like a ferret, glided submitted unpleasant innuendoes. Did Mr. Thorne know of his wife's friendship with Mr. Eastis? No! Ah! Probably Mrs. Eastis would not wish to have him informed of that—er—regrettable little affair.

"Don't call me Mrs. Eastis!" snapped Sybil.

"But it is your name!" expostulated the ferret, and continued suavely. "Of course, Mr. Eastis would be loathe to resort to such tactics. But, really, Mrs. Eastis was proving quite unreasonable. Now, if Mr. Eastis were permitted to see the child—"

"Never!" Sybil shrieked her defiance.

"Or if Mrs. Eastis would meet her husband—"

"I'd die first!" she assured him.

"But consider your husband's feelings. The child is his."

"The child is mine!" Sybil's out-raged maternity flared hotly. "Teddy's mine, I tell you."

The ferret smiled suavely.

"Yours! Oh, yes. But you say," he interpolated smoothly, "that it is also his."

Oh, the hateful insolence of that purring voice. Sybil sprang to her feet, and her open palm shot swiftly through the air. Full on his cheek he received it, and when her arm dropped like lead to her side, there was a livid mark across his face.

"You—you! Leave my house!" she screamed. "Get out. Quick! Or I'll call my brother to beat you. You . . . you . . .!"

She was pointing a shaking finger toward the door, like a tragedy queen in a melodrama. And the palm of her hand itched for further contact.

The ferret fondled his cheek. "You shall pay for this indignity," he told her, fuming angrily. "The courts protect men from the tantrums of female tigers. I shall get a warrant for assault and battery."

He leered at her evilly. "And what a story that will be for your

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THE LOCAL PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

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7.48 p.m. Evening Weather Report.

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"King's Serenade," Hooper's Novelty Trio.

"Song of the Islands," Hooper's Novelty Trio.

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"The Engineer," Will Fyfe, Comedian.

"Adagio," Cello Solo by Antoni Sala.

"Arioso," Cello Solo by Antoni Sala.

"Praeludium," Squire Celeste Octet.

"Scottish Fantasia," Squire Celeste Octet.

"Poet and Peasant," Overture.

Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

"Wildflower," (A) April Blossoms.

Duet, Kitty Reilly and Howard Worster.

(B) Bambalina.

Duet, Kitty Reilly and Howard Worster.

"Minuet," B. B. C. Wireless Symphony Orch.

"Les Millions D'Argentin," Serenade B. B. C. Wireless Symphony Orch.

"Betty in Mayfair," Selections.

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"Cavaleria Rusticana," (a) Thou Here, Santuzza.

Duet by Lombardi and Merli.

(b) No, No, Turiddu.

Duet by Lombardi and Merli.

"Dumky Trio," (a) Allegro.

Squire Instrumental Trio.

(b) Lento Marcato.

Squire Instrumental Trio.

(c) Vivace.

Squire Instrumental Trio.

"Messiah," (a) Behold the Lamb of God.

Handel Festival Choir.

(b) And the Glory of the Lord.

Handel Festival Choir.

"Le Varizanti Di Proch," A. M. Guglielmetti, Soprano.

"The Magic Flute," Gli Angeli D'Inferno.

A. M. Guglielmetti, Soprano.

"The Valkyrie," Ride of the Valkyries.

Beyreuth Festival Orchestra.

"Largo," Cello Solo by Gaspar Cassado.

Danzas Espanolas No. 5.

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God Save the King.

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swell friends. Gettin' dragged to police court like a common rowdy. I guess that will make 'em laugh—the high and mighty Miss Sybil Thorne up on an assault and battery charge!"

Muttering darkly, he took his derby and departed, like a villain on the stage. Then Sybil, apprehensive of the trouble her temper might cause, hurried in town to relate the afternoon's developments to her lawyer.

Mr. Peterson listened gravely, but she saw the twinkle in his wise old eyes.

"Good girl!" he approved judicially when she finished. "It takes an angry woman to handle a musical comedy detective properly. You needn't worry about any warrant. He wouldn't let anybody know you struck him, for all his cheap talk. He will keep that right under his tin hat—and he'll lie his head off about the mark on his face. But, after this, refer all rats to me. I don't want you talking with them at all."

(To Be Continued.)

YACHTING.

FIFTH CHAMPIONSHIP RACE ON SATURDAY.

The Fifth race for the Championship of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club was sailed on Saturday afternoon, the full results being given below. The event attracted 13 competitors all of whom finished the course, which was as follows: Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rock (P), Mark on Line (P), Lymoon Beacon (S). Distance, 8.75 miles. The results were:

Handicap Class.	Time.	Finishing Corrected
Diann (6th)	4:22.54	4:20.42%
Colleen (4th)	4:17.44	4:12.37%
Rolla (2nd)	4:10.49	4:10.49%
La Linda (3rd)	4:15.14	4:11.35%
Dorothy (1st)	4:15.02	4:09.55%

One Design and Gales.	Time.	Finishing Corrected
Daphne (1st)	4:26.45	4:26.45%
Alisa (4th)	4:43.22	4:43.22%
Pierrette (5th)	4:48.20	4:44.41%
Thecla (3rd)	4:46.34	4:43.10%
Joan (2nd)	4:44.40	4:38.50%

Why Wonder (5th)	Time.	Finishing Corrected
Wings (3rd)	4:52.01	4:52.01%
Bluenose (1st)	4:49.23	4:49.23%
Boojum (2nd)	4:51.18	4:51.18%
Speedwell (6th)	4:54.34	4:54.34%
Adnaac (8th)	4:58.30	4:58.30%
Zephyr (4th)	4:58.15	4:52.25%
Lola (7th)	5:02.15	4:50.25%

YESTERDAY'S EVENT.

Some Good Racing Round Hongkong Island.

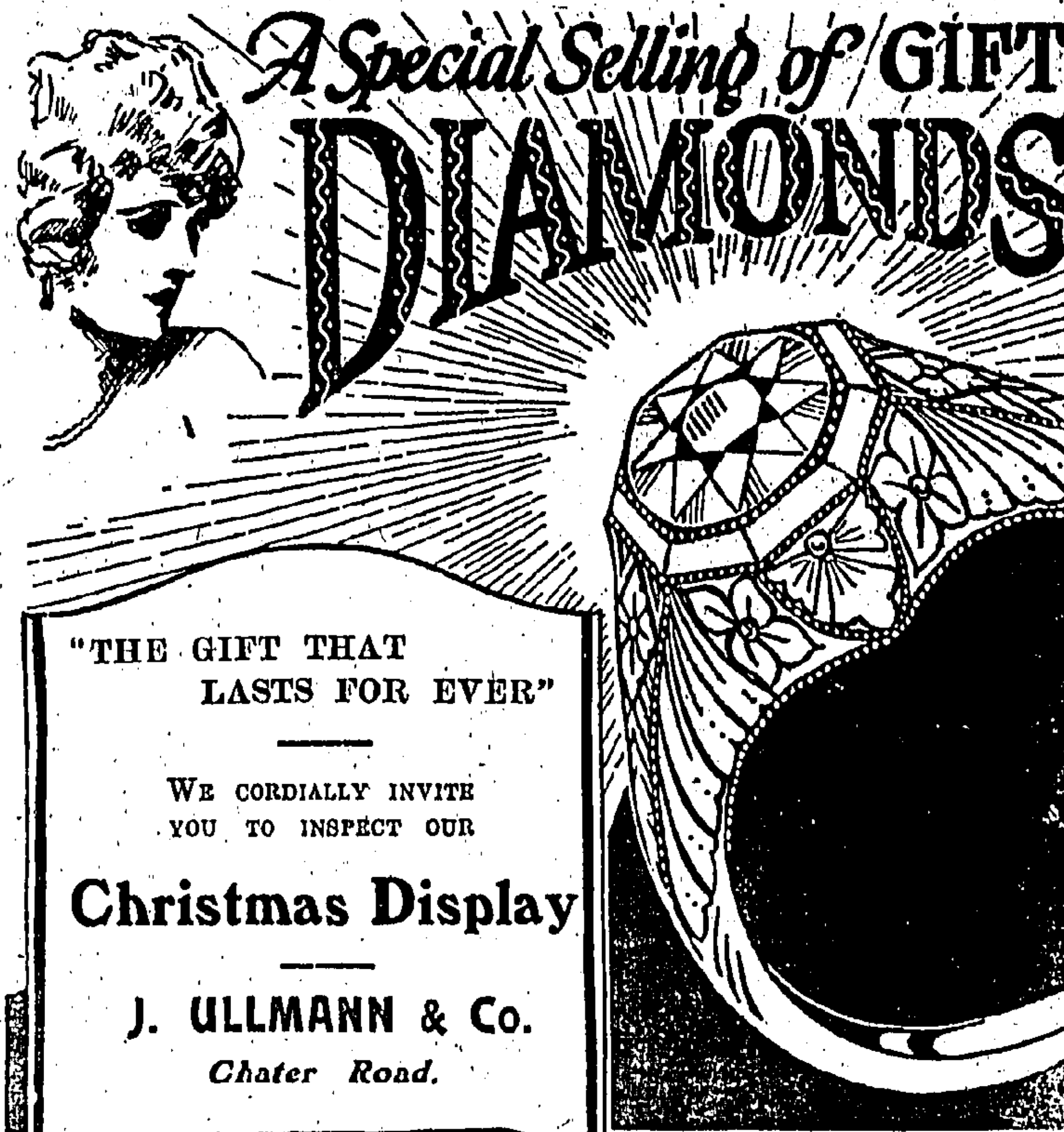
U. AND I. FIRST HOME. The race round the island yesterday saw some very good sailing, with U. and I. doing a speedy run. The yachts started at 10.5 a.m. and got

back between five and eight o'clock. The detailed times follow:

Time.	Time.	Time.
Azuma	7:23.08	6:52.20
La Cigale	5:29.35	5:29.35
Norseman	6:31.06	5:32.04
Queen Bee	5:43.52	4:42.41

U. and I.	5:00.15	4:35.20
Feathers	5:49.41	4:59.21
Coquette	5:34.24	4:53.57
Imogen	D.N.F.	
Wanderer	7:45.51	7:11.00
Curlew	5:45.13	4:42.19
Typhoon	6:13.16	5:06.50
Isis	8:19.29	—

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COMPANY REPORT.

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO., LTD.

The annual report of the China Light & Power Co., Ltd., states: The Directors have now to lay before the Shareholders a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1928.

The Gross Profit for the above period is ... \$530,941.25

Plus Scrip Fees and Sale of Building previously written off ... 1,178.00

Amount brought forward from last year ... 57,048.80

58,223.80

\$589,767.04

After allowing for:

Interest ... \$21,224.33

Directors' and Auditors' Fees ... 12,500.00

Loss on Show-room and Sundries ... 4,078.00

Donations, etc. ... 5,059.54

Typhoon damage on Plant not covered by insurance ... 4,468.04

Amount written off Value of Crown Leases Depreciation ... 201,192.60

249,723.17

340,044.47

The Balance is

The interim dividend of 5% paid on 7th August, 1928, absorbed a total of ... 140,781.95

Leaving an amount available for appropriation of ... \$199,262.52

The Directors recommend the payment of a final dividend of 5% in respect of the financial year ended 30th September, 1928, absorbing about \$145,000, and that the balance be carried forward to next year's account.

The Directors desire to state, in connection with the new shares issued in 1924 and 1925, that some difficulty has been experienced in determining the exact amount of dividend payable in respect of shares on which the final call had been paid prior to the date of declaration of dividend.

The opinions of Counsel and of the Company's consulting accountants have been obtained and found to be in accordance with the intention of the Directors.

It was decided therefore that dividend in respect of final calls on these shares should be paid only as from the respective dates on which the final calls were due for payment, provided such calls were received by the Company before the date of declaration of the dividend.

Directors.—The Directors regret to record the death on 30th April, 1928, of their colleague on the Board, Mr. Lee Hsien.

During the year, Mr. H. P. White resigned on leaving the Colony, and the following gentlemen joined the Board: Sir Ely Kadoorie, K.B.E., Mr. J. P. Bragan, Mr. A. H. White and Mr. J. H. Taggart.

Under Article 95 of the Articles of Association, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. C. A. de Rosa retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Linde and Davis, who are eligible for re-election.

EDITOR'S FAREWELL.

MR. O. T. BREAKSPEAR OF THE "DAILY PRESS" LEAVING.

There was a cheery gathering at the offices of the *Hongkong Daily Press* on Saturday forenoon, to present to Mr. O. T. Breakspear, the retiring Managing Editor, tokens of esteem subscribed for by members of the staff.

The gifts were a large Chinese silver rose bowl, a silver cigarette box, pipe and other smoking gear, and the presentation was made in the presence of a full gathering of the staff, by Mr. R. T. Barrett.

Mr. Barrett referred to the happy associations which had existed over a long period between the staff and Mr. Breakspear, who demanding real work from his subordinates, was himself not a whit behind in the demands of the daily labour. Since his control had been established, much that was beneficial to the paper had been accomplished and the guest of the day could leave them with the knowledge and satisfaction that his reign had been productive of good.

Mr. Breakspear responded in suitable terms and admitted that the presentation was no surprise, as he had been approached by various members of the staff, who felt him out as to what he needed most. On a previous occasion he had been presented with gifts on leaving the Colony, but he did not wish it to be understood that he was making a practice of retiring and coming back again to collect presents. He thanked all present for their sterling co-operation in trying times and was glad that on arrival at home, he could tell those who were in control of the paper's destiny that they had a staff second to none. Toasts of Mr. Breakspear were then honoured.

Mr. Breakspear leaves for home by a.s. Naldera on Saturday next.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

LAW, LAWN, LAIN, PAIR, PAIR, JAIL.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd December, 1928, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underigned on or before the 6th January, 1929, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chipped and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 22nd December, 1928, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by:

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Hongkong, 16th December, 1928.

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All broken, chipped and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson and Asho on 21st December, 1928, at 10 a.m.

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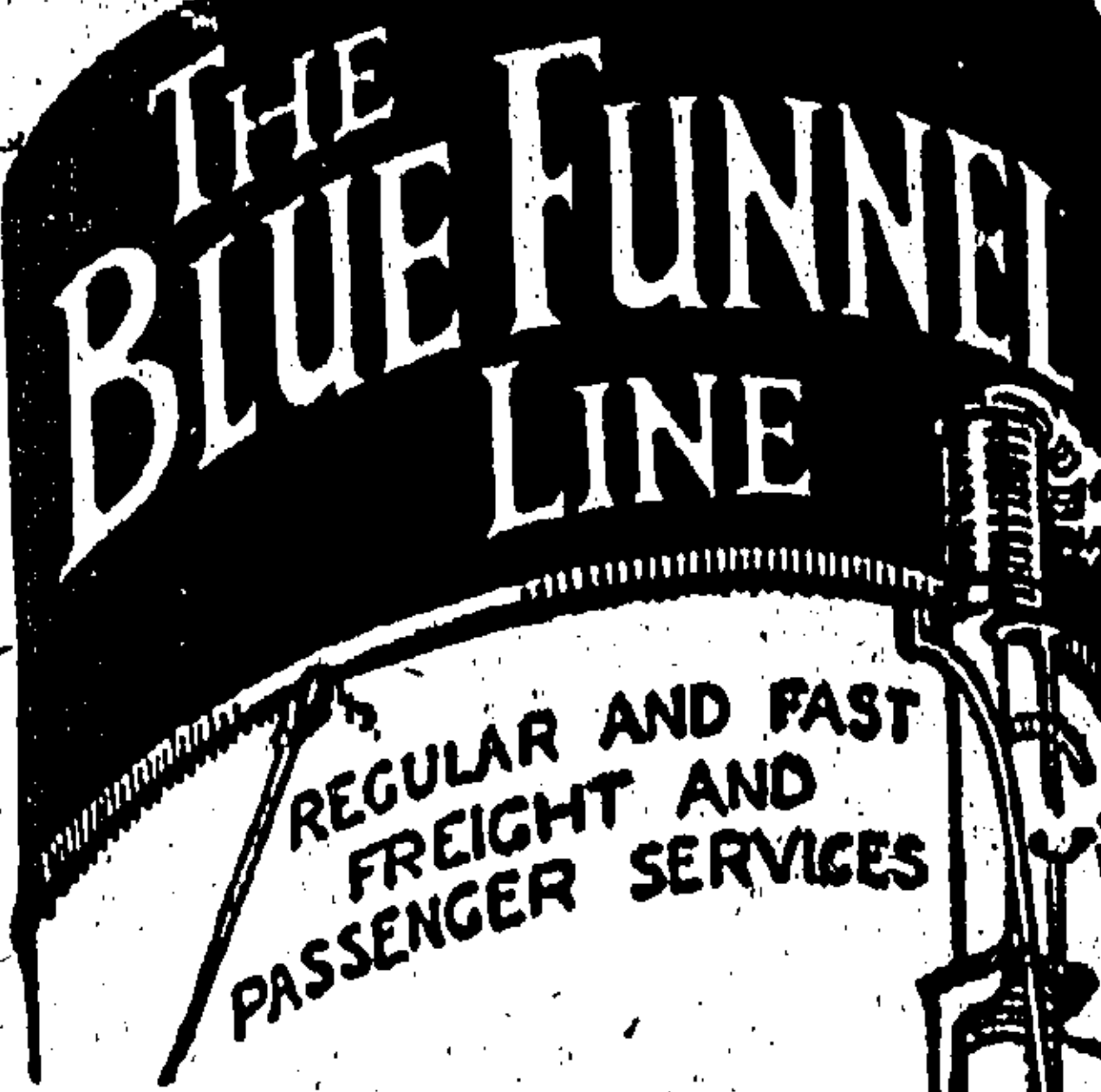
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THE KUOMINTANG.

DATE FOR THE THIRD NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

Nanking, Dec. 15. The Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang has issued a statement that the Third National Conference of the Kuomintang will open at Nanking on March 15. The agenda will be divided into ten divisions:

1. Party discipline.
2. Relations between Party, Government and public.
3. Obligations of the Party to members.
4. Civic rights of the public.
5. Political organisations and administration methods.
6. Education.
7. National defence and foreign relations.
8. Economic reconstruction.
9. Party activities and future programmes.
10. Consideration of proposals submitted to the conference by the central Party authorities.

The statement castigates the Communists and urges officials and public to oppose their subversive activities.—*Reuter*.

MR. TOKONAMI LEAVES.

IMPRESSED WITH NANKING ATMOSPHERE.

Shanghai, Dec. 15. Mr. Tokonami, the Japanese political party leader, before leaving, made a statement addressed to the citizens of China in which he says he is impressed with the energetic atmosphere at the capital, where the leaders work from morning to night. Their plans for social and moral legislation arouse his admiration.

Mr. Tokonami goes on to note the similarity between China today and Japan at the beginning of the Meiji era.

Referring to the demonstration at Nanking on Thursday, he says he does not regard it seriously. He pays a tribute to Chiang Kai-shek for his conduct that day, and concludes with the hope that increased amity between China and Japan will be brought about in order that "we shall work hand in hand for the development of the Far East and to secure world peace."—*Reuter*.

OFFICER MISSING.

SHANGHAI POLICE SEARCH FOR SURGEON LIEUT. SCOTT.

Shanghai, Dec. 16. There is much anxiety over the fate of Surgeon-Lieut. H. J. Scott, of H.M.S. Cricket, of whom nothing has been heard since he left the Palais Cafe at three o'clock on Friday morning with the intention of returning to his ship, which is moored in the old dock.

The police are searching for the missing man.

It is recalled that Surg-Lt. Scott is the second naval officer who has disappeared under mysterious circumstances during the past year, the other being Lieutenant Wright of H.M.S. Vindictive, of whom nothing has ever been heard.

It is believed Surg-Lt. Scott comes from Glasgow.—*Reuter*.

GIGANTIC FRAUD.

1,600,000 FRANCS WORTH OF SECURITIES FOUND.

Paris, Dec. 16. On the information of Mme. Hannu the police have discovered 1,600,000 francs worth of securities in her bedroom. The police recently searched her house and were convinced that the securities were not there then.—*Reuter*.

A message dated the 8th inst. stated that a sensation had been caused in financial and political circles by the arrest of Madame Marthe Hannu and her divorced husband, Lazare Bloch, in connection with what is described as one of the most colossal financial swindles in French records. Both are accused of huge frauds at the expense of small investors. Madame directed a vast share in investment organisation in Paris, and the *Gazette du Franc* was founded in 1926 with the avowed idea of restoring public confidence in the franc.

The *Gazette* boasted the shares of her companies, published articles by several Ministers and well-known authorities and once the front page was devoted to a letter from M. Poincare. The crash came when inquiries were opened on her proposal to issue bonds of 170,000,000 francs at a high interest. An examination of the books, it is alleged, shows an uncovered deficit of \$800,000. It is alleged that a number of deputies are involved in the scandal. M. Poincare, in the Chamber, promised a thorough investigation which, judging by the cartloads of documents seized at the *Gazette* office, is likely to be of a very protracted nature.

LONDON TRANSPORT.

SCHEME TO SET UP A MONOPOLY.

London, Dec. 15. Private Bills for powers to proceed with an extensive plan for co-ordinating the London passenger transport services have been deposited with the House of Commons by the London County Council and London General Omnibus Company.

The Bills provide that the London Traffic Advisory Committee shall become the statutory authority to which would be referred all questions that may arise as to fares, adequacy of service and plans for future developments. This body would thus become the public's protection against exploitation by the monopoly thus created.

The Bills carry out in all particulars the recommendations made by the London Traffic Committee a year ago.

The Government, it is understood, has undertaken to give facilities to enable the bills to be passed before the general election next year.

An underground group are prepared to start work on tube railway extensions in various parts of the London area as soon as the Bills become law. Modern tube railways cost approximately one million sterling per mile, and the underground group is prepared to start on works costing from fifteen millions to twenty millions if assured that wasteful competition between various forms of transport services will be eliminated.—*British Wireline*.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LIMITED.

From MIDDLESBRO', LONDON and STRAITS.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th December, 1928, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-Signed on or before the 1st January, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 17th December, 1928, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO. LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, December 10th, 1928.

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Goods not cleared by the 22nd December, 1928, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 21st December, 1928, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, Hongkong.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1928.

RIOT IN JAPAN.

FIRE BRIGADE JOIN AN UNRULY CROWD.

Tokyo, Dec. 16. According to press reports, serious rioting occurred in Miyazaki, Kyushu, yesterday, as the result of political bargaining involving the removal of the Government school.

A frenzied crowd of ten thousand, including the local fire brigades, surrounded the Prefectural assembly hall and pumped water into it drenching the assemblymen and breaking the windows.

Two hundred police fought the demonstrators, a number of persons being injured. Sixty were arrested before peace was restored.—*Reuter*.

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KALYAN	9,144	19th Jan.	Marseilles, L'don & Hull
LALPORE	5,273	24th Jan.	Straits, Colombo & B'bay

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*ST. ALBANS	4,500	28th Dec.	Manila, Sandakan, Thurs.
ARAFURA	6,000	1st Feb. 1929.	Island, Townsville, B'bane
TANDA	6,656	1st Mar.	Sydney and Melbourne.

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TRESSILLIAN	5,284	17th Dec.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
GAZARA	5,284	20th Dec.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,144	21st Dec.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
LALPORE	5,273	1st Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama

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Sado Maru ... Wednesday, 19th Dec.

Aki Maru ... Wednesday 23rd Jan.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

Nagato Maru ... Thursday 27th Dec.

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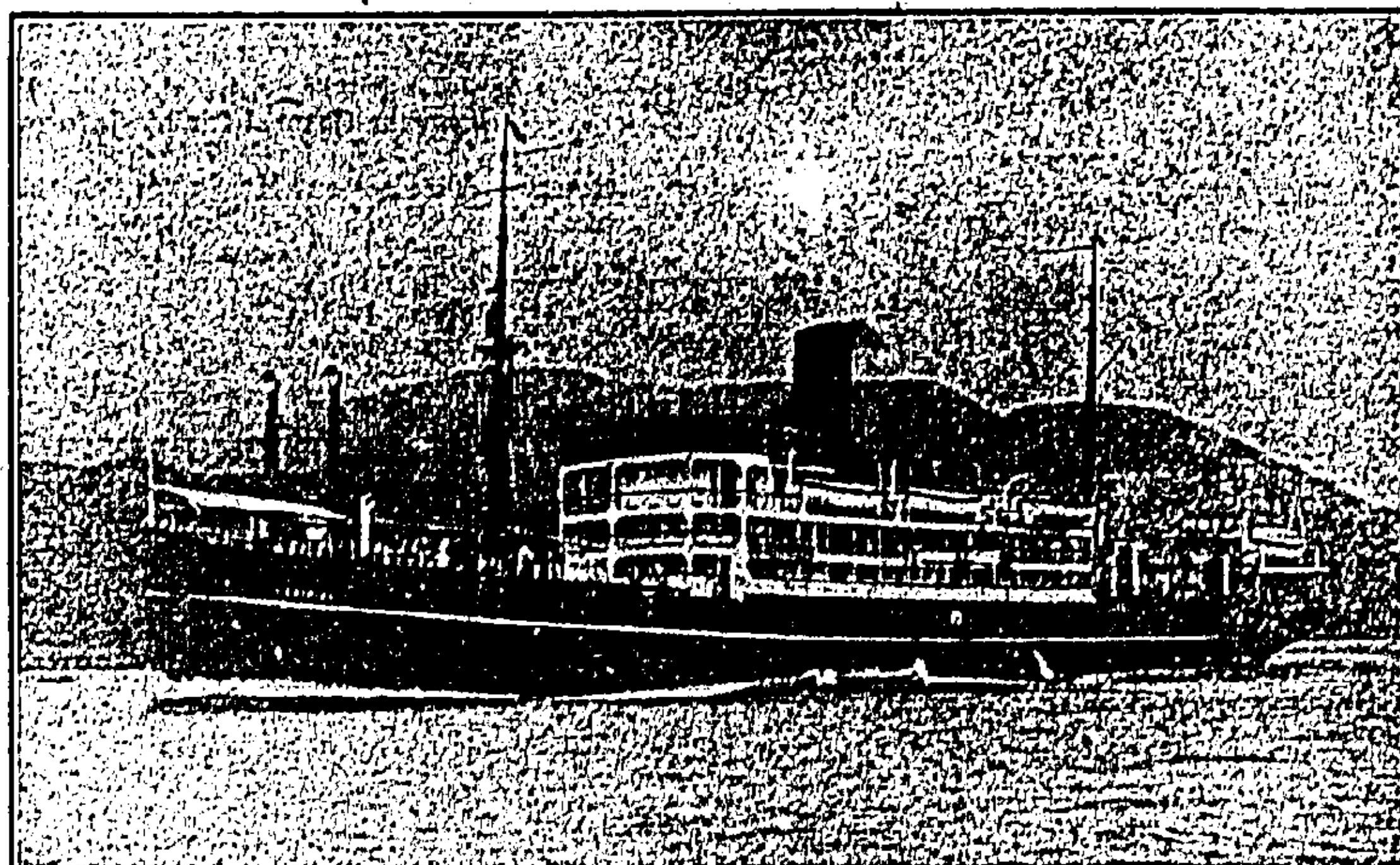
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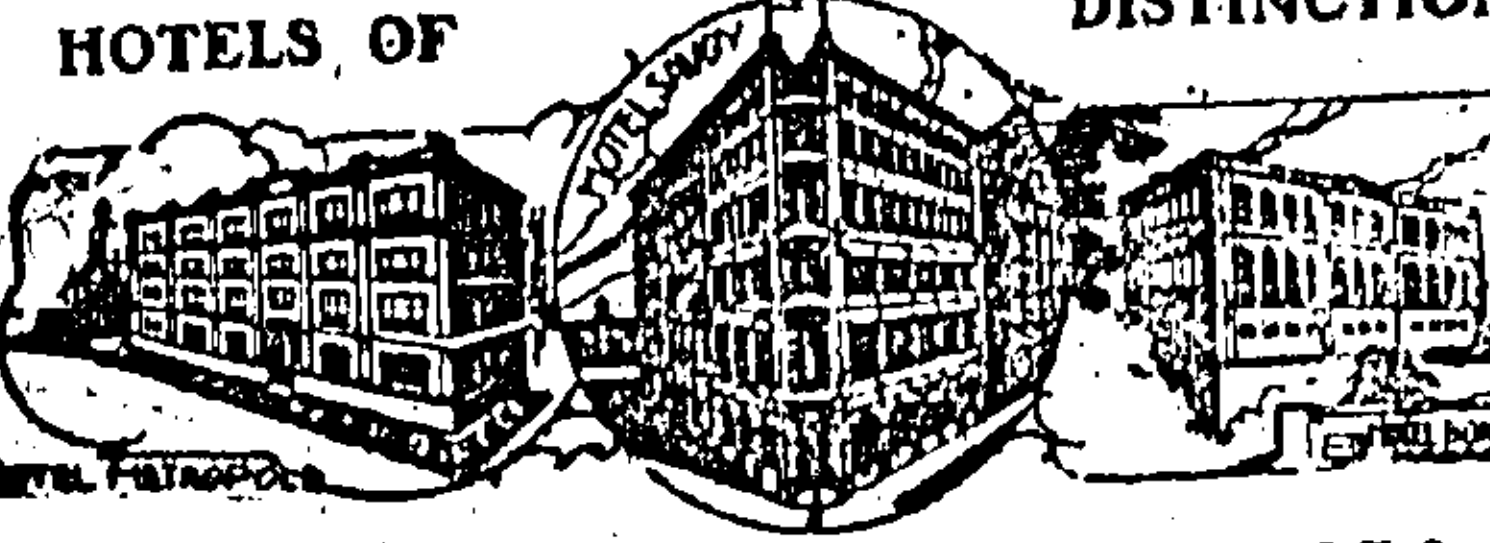
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DISASTROUS FIRE IN MANILA.

NEWSPAPER OFFICES
DESTROYED.

TRAPPED EMPLOYEES JUMP
FROM BUILDING.

HUGE CROWDS GATHER

Manila, Dec. 12.
The Cosmopolitan Building, at the foot of Santa Cruz Bridge, off Plaza Gait, one of the landmarks of Manila and housing the newspaper plants of the Manila Times and El Mercurio, was almost completely destroyed by fire, which began shortly before 2 o'clock this morning.

The origin of the fire is unknown but a thorough investigation is to be launched by both police and fire departments, it was indicated.

Jump From Windows.

The building was owned by the Paterno family. The loss was estimated at from Pesos 600,000 to Pesos 750,000.

Twenty-five persons were trapped in the building, and all jumped out through the windows. Four were seriously hurt. They are: Alejo Campa, E. S. Irwin, Engineer Diezschel and Cofreño Salove.

The following are the firms and organizations whose offices were wiped out:

Manila Times.
El Mercurio.
Cosmopolitan Business College.
Savoy Studio.
College of Mechanotherapy.
The Eagles Club.
Boy Scouts Headquarters.
Chess Club.
Home Cooking School.
Philatelists Club.
Finance Review Press.
Several offices of lawyers and physicians.

Burns in No Time.

There was no warning that the antiquated wooden structure was on fire until the flames suddenly burst through the roof and licked the night air.

Within a few seconds after the first alarm was turned in the entire building was a mass of flames, resulting in one of the most sensational fires seen in Manila in years.

The fire spread to all parts of the building, and general alarm was immediately turned in, bringing every man and piece of fire fighting apparatus available, to the scene.

Surrounding buildings were threatened by the falling embers and firemen strove to save the Savoy Theatre and Goulette's cafe.

Spectacular Fire.

The fire was one of the most spectacular seen here in recent years. With most of the fire companies in the city working, it took the fire fighters almost an hour to put the fire under control. The condition of the building and the large quantity of inflammable material inside favoured the flames which travelled with great speed.

According to eyewitnesses, the fire started on the second story of the building on the Calle Helios side, opposite the Post Office. Travelling toward the side of the river and on around, the flames soon enveloped the building.

In an effort to save Goulette's establishment and the Savoy Theatre, a company of fire fighters broke into the Savoy Studio and with the roof of the studio in flames and at great risk of their lives, maintained a constant stream on the fire, thus preventing it from spreading to the part of the building occupied by Goulette's and the Savoy Theatre.

Attracted by the flames and the din of the fire engines, approximately 10,000 persons came from near-by districts and crowded Plaza Gait and the south approach to Santa Cruz bridge, to watch the fire.

CHIEF MAQUILLA.

CREW REACH YOKOHAMA
IN JAPANESE SHIP.

Tokyo, Dec. 16.
The Yogen Maru has arrived at Yokohama with fifteen British and sixty-five Chinese officers and crew of the Chief Maquilla, which foundered in mid-Pacific on December 1.—Reuter.
[The Chief Maquilla had a grain cargo for Shanghai. The Yogen Maru was first on the scene on receipt of an S.O.S.]

Shanghai, Dec. 16.
The tramway employees, who resumed work unconditionally on December 12, after a protracted strike and much agitation, again went on strike this morning.—Reuter.

ROYAL GIFTS FOR DISTRESSED.

BOOTS, CLOTHING AND TOYS
FOR CHRISTMAS.

PRACTICAL SYMPATHY.

London, Dec. 16.
Her Majesty the Queen has sent a consignment of clothing and Christmas toys to the Lord Mayors of Cardiff and Newcastle for distribution among the families of unemployed miners, together with an expression of sympathy on behalf of the King and herself.

Princess Mary has also sent a consignment of children's boots, and, on behalf of her two little sons, a large number of toys for distribution among the children.

The Duchess of York, on behalf of her little daughter, Princess Elizabeth, has also sent gifts of toys.

Public subscriptions on behalf of the miners have reached a large proportion, and it is understood that the special State assistance, over and above the normal unemployment relief, which the Prime Minister will announce in Parliament to-morrow, will be used in such a manner as not to discourage the flow of private contributions from sympathisers.—British Wireless.

IMPERSONATING A DETECTIVE.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST
CHINESE.

DAYLIGHT "SEARCH."

In prosecuting a Chinese this morning on a charge of impersonating a policeman, Sub-Inspector Shastin related to Mr. R. E. Lindell a story of how defendant and another man victimised a Chinese interpreter, in Arsenal Street, a few days ago.

Defendant and his accomplice are alleged to have stopped the interpreter and demanded a search. They claimed to be plain-clothes officers and produced as their bona fides, a black note book and a police whistle. Their victim allowed himself to be searched, but when \$13 was extracted from his pockets, began to have doubts regarding the men.

No satisfactory explanation being forthcoming, the man seized one of the "detectives", who managed however to escape. A report of the occurrence was made to the No. 2, Police Station and two men were later arrested.

At an identification parade held yesterday, the defendant was picked out and was, therefore, charged. After evidence in support of the charge, had been given the case was adjourned.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN S. AMERICA.

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should be not compromised or a pacific procedure hampered.

Extraordinary Session.

The Bolivian Government had earlier cabled M. Briand accusing the Paraguayan Government of aggressiveness in preparing to attack Bolivian forts, declaring that Boqueron Fort, which they admit have captured, was recently built by Paraguay in the zone of territory to which Bolivia has an indisputable right.

In view of the developments, the League Council will probably hold an extraordinary session in Paris.—Reuter's American Service.

An "Inescapable Duty."

La Paz, Dec. 16.
The Bolivian Government in a communique claims that Bolivia has not forgotten her international duties and sworn faith to maintain peace, but has an "inescapable duty to exact satisfaction for the attack on a Bolivian fort, and to prevent a recurrence of clashes, which seems possible owing to the Paraguayan concentration of new forces, including its General Staff."—Reuter's American Service.

A NICE POINT.

INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE
MARKET.

What was described as "a very nice point" arose in a case which came before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

A stall-holder of the Kun Chung Market was charged with selling fish in a place other than a public market. It was given in evidence that the defendant was actually standing inside the door, with the fish on the pavement.

His Worship said he did not think the section of the Ordinance under which the man was charged

RECENT MAILBAG THEFTS.

IS HONGKONG GANG
INVOLVED?

GROUP AFTER AMSTERDAM
DIAMONDS.

MANILA INVESTIGATES

Manila, Dec. 12.
Latest reports concerning the recent depredations of a mail destined for the Philippine Islands indicate an organised gang working out of Hongkong or Shanghai, whose principal interest lies with mail from Amsterdam, centre of the world trade in diamonds.

The exact extent of the losses from the Amsterdam registered mail bag that was rifled before its delivery here from the President Cleveland have not yet been reported.

Amsterdam mail is sent to China by way of the Trans-Siberian Railway and loaded on the Dollar liners at Shanghai.

Officers of the President Cleveland, which left here last Saturday, expressed the belief that the bag could have easily been rifled during its shipment from the Shanghai Post Office to the ship, a short distance made by small lighters carrying the mail.

Mail on Decks.

The fact that the mail is located on decks open to all labourers engaged on the ship during loading and unloading makes it difficult to place the time or responsibility of the mail losses, despite the fact that the mail deck is watched by a ship's officer during the time that cargo hatches are open.

Local postal authorities are objecting to this method of handling mail destined to the Philippine Islands. As a result of a conference between Mr. Crispulo S'layno, Superintendent of the Manila Post Office and local agents of the Dollar lines, this method is to be corrected as soon as possible.

Steel Lockers Asked.

Separate compartments for the storage of mails for the Philippine Islands from the United States may be adopted by the Dollar liners to prevent future mail thefts, as a result of the recent conference. Steel lockers, providing a safely locked compartment for all mails have been requested.

Mail losses from the President Cleveland, which arrived here on Monday morning, are small, according to reports of the postal authorities. Three mail bags were ripped, but the contents of only one were tampered with, it was learned yesterday.

The loss was an unregistered package from a mail order house in the United States to a local address. Due to the fact that it was sent by parcel post, uninsured, its value is not believed to be great.

Governor General to Act.

The Governor General will take action to protect the mails coming from the United States, it was learned, at the Bureau of Posts yesterday. Mr. Jose Topacio, Director of Posts, was called to Malacanang yesterday to explain the losses of mails on board the Dollar liners President Cleveland and President Madison.

The Dollar Line recently has been awarded by the Postmaster General in the United States the exclusive contract to carry mails from the Philippines to United States and vice versa.

Mr. Topacio is preparing a complete list of mail robberies committed on board the American vessels from 1926 up to date, and this will be presented to the Governor General for his information.

The Parsons Hardware Company and S. K. Schintler, who both suffered from the mail theft on the Cleveland, yesterday presented claims to the Bureau of Posts. Manila Bulletin.

SOVIET PROBLEMS.

CROPS TO BE INCREASED BY
35 PER CENT.

Moscow, Dec. 16.

The Central Executive Committee has concluded its session. It has passed measures for the holding of new Soviet elections, and increasing the volume of crops by 35 per cent. in the next five years.—Reuter.

covered the question. It was a very nice point, but his interpretation of the section was that the man had to be away from the market. His Worship pointed out that the proper charge, in his opinion, was one of causing an obstruction.

The defendant was discharged.

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